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P&H members seek raise

BY RICHARD MEEK
Hancock County Port & Harbor Commissioners may soon be better compensated for their services.

The Commission adopted a resolution during Monday's meeting to petition the Legislature to grant commissioners a raise to \$75 per diem. Currently, the commissioners receive \$40 per diem, but that rate has not been changed since the mid-1980s.

Commission President Dave McDonald said commissioners should not have to be penalized by taking time away from their full-time job to serve on the P&H, which is the county's economic development arm. He said some commissioners are docked when they have to miss work to attend a P&H meeting.

"Some commissioners could come to a meeting and lose money," McDonald said. "Nobody gets on the board because of pay (but) they should not have to suffer to be on a public agency."

McDonald said when the commission was first formed in 1963, commission members were paid \$10 per diem. In 1973, the rate was increased to \$22.50, and increased in the mid-80s to the current rate.

"We are going to ask the legislature to come into modern times," he said. "It's been enough years at \$40. A change is warranted."

In other P&H news:

The commission is asking the county Board of Supervisors to pave 350 feet of Airport Road D in the Stennis Airport. The county is currently paving Texas Flat Road, which intersects with Road D in the air park.

P&H Deputy Director William Stovall estimated the cost of the paving to be \$30,000-\$35,000.

P&H—PAGE 12A

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Convicted of sentence

As part of his sentence for being found guilty of breaking into the rear of the V.N.L.'s grocery on Lakeshore Road almost two years ago, Circuit Court Judge John Whifford ordered the youth to picket outside Thursday, advertising his crime. The front of the sign reads, "If you steal from this store, you will get caught. I did." (Echo staff photo by Ed Lepoma)

Waveland, District agree on sale terms

BY BETSY GAGNET

The City of Waveland and the Hancock County Waste-water District #1 met Thursday to nail down terms of an agreement over sewer lines the city acquired from the Jubilation Casino and the Cure family.

The proposed agreement states the District would acquire the lift station at Jubilation, the lift station at Buccaneer State Park, all lines and equipment from Jubilation to the lift station at Buccaneer, and all equipment with those two lift stations including six-inch force main to Central and Waveland avenues.

The city will also grant the District a perpetual easement from the Buccaneer lift station to the treatment plant, leave the force main from Buccaneer to Sears in existing right-of-way and the District will pick up a line at Sears and Waveland Avenues to establish a new right-of-way.

In return, the city will be paid \$50,000 by the District, payment of which will be spread over five years.

Additionally, the District will modify the city's lift station at Waveland and Central to maintain proper service to Waveland residents.

The city will continue to receive the net revenues from Buccaneer, receiving payment after paying the actual treatment costs incurred by the District for providing service to Buccaneer.

Under the terms of the proposed agreement, the current District board will not object to any annexation proceedings by the city. The city has no current annexation plans for that area.

TERMS—PAGE 12A

Bay High teacher running for a cause

BY BETSY GAGNET
This summer Lis Lagarde will run in her first marathon with two goals in mind—finishing the race, and raising money to help people with leukemia.

Lagarde, a teacher at Bay High School, is part of Team in

Training, a Leukemia Society of America program in which individual runners raise money for leukemia patients and research.

Through the Leukemia Society, Lagarde was matched with two area residents suffering from the disease, in whose honor she will run.

Patricia Warden of Lake shore is one of those people.

At five years old, Patricia has already undergone over one year of chemotherapy and has about one and a half years to go.

In October of 1996, Patricia developed what her mother, Mary Warden, thought was a cold. When symptoms persisted, blood work was ordered and leukemia was diagnosed, explained Warden.

Patricia spent six weeks in the hospital for chemotherapy treatment after being diagnosed. For the next six months she spent from Wednesday to Saturday in the hospital every three weeks for treatment, Warden said.

Patricia has also been diagnosed with a neuromuscular disease, which went undiagnosed until after she began treatment for the leukemia.

One of the drugs she took for the leukemia brought out

her mother's breast cancer.

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Lagarde will also be running in honor of Jason Jones, 17, who attends Pass Christian High School.

"Jason was on vacation visiting his father and thought he had the flu and was diagnosed," said Lagarde. "They

"I figure if nothing else, I'll walk...What we have to go through is nothing compared to what (leukemia patients) have to go through..."

Lis Lagarde

underwent surgery for tendon transfer on her feet. Her mother said a second surgery is anticipated when Patricia is about 15.

Lagarde recently met Patricia and her family at a Team in Training party at a hockey game in the Mississippi Coliseum.

said if he would have waited they don't know if he would have survived."

This will be the first marathon for Lagarde, who began walking in 1996 to lose weight and then ran in the Crescent City Classic. She has run in two

CAUSE—PAGE 12A

Robbery suspect arrested

BY ED LEPOMA

Hancock County Sheriff's deputies arrested a suspect in a bank robbery without incident early Thursday morning. At 6:45 a.m., deputies responded to a call from the Bay St. Louis Police Department that a man had been shot at the Union Planters Bank in Bay St. Louis last Jan. 21, but Hoda said Picayune police are also looking at him as a suspect in another bank robbery there.

Hoda said the Bay St. Louis

Police Department was alerted and confirmed that Reed was wanted in connection with the bank robbery.

Reed was being held in the Hancock County jail under a \$25,000 bond, Hoda said.

Assisting in the arrest were Deputies Phillip Pavolini, Dennis Cuevas, John Bourgeois and Albert Bill.

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VCA's annual St. Patrick's parade



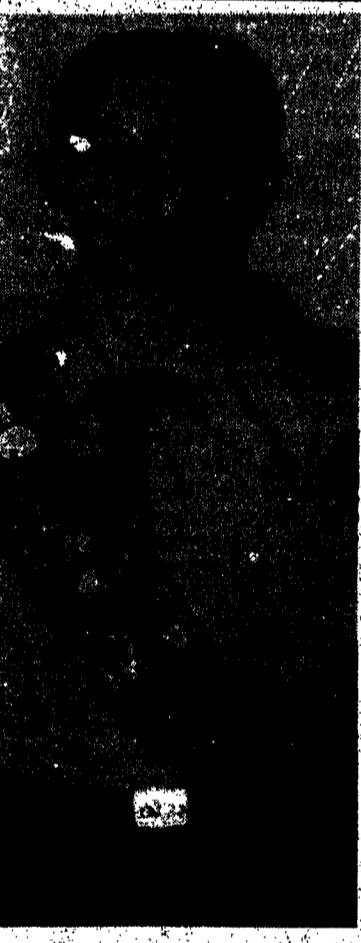
Colleen

1998 Colleen Alicia Mary Schulz greeted spectators along the parade route Saturday afternoon. A large number of spectators were on hand for the Waveland Civic Association's Annual St. Patrick's Day parade. (Echo staff photos by Ellis C. Cuevas)



Passing the cabbage

A Waveland Civic Association member passes a cabbage to a spectator during the organization's annual parade held Saturday.



Eagle Scout

Daniel Hamburg, Troop 20 of Diamondhead, has achieved the rank of Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America. Hamburg's Court of Honor was held Feb. 1. For his service project Hamburg constructed a butterfly garden for the Woodland Village Nursing Home in Diamondhead. He is the third generation in his family to become an Eagle Scout. He is the son of Raymond and Phyllis Hamburg of Diamondhead.

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"CUEVAS' QUOTES"

By Ellis C. Cuevas

It seems that winter waited almost until spring to come this year.

As I write this column on Friday, we have had more cold weather in the past three days than we have had from the rest of the winter season.

In a way it is really a shame, as there are so many trees which have already bloomed, and others are in bloom in the area.

The late cold will probably kill a lot of the fruit on trees, so this year may be a bad year for items such as pecans, pears, figs, etc.

On the brighter side, I have heard several folks comment about how the cold weather has taken care of the gnats.

What happens though is, gnats survive the cold and will return as soon as it gets warm.

Folks feeling the bites of gnats for the first time must really get a shock. There is something one can hardly see, but sure can feel.

One of the best definitions of a gnat I have heard is that they are all mouth.

Still, I can put up with the gnats a lot better than I can with ice and snow.

From what I have been told, the Bay High Tiger band is still a few dollars short raising the \$175 for each member to go the EPCOT next month.

Band members and several organizations have held various types of fund raisers to help raise the necessary money.

It is a great honor for the Bay High Tiger band to be invited to Disney's EPCOT to perform, and I am hoping they will raise enough funds.

Anyone interested in helping may contact band director Catchie Crider at Bay High's Band Hall, 467-4772 for further information.

Youngsters, ages 5-15, interested in participating in the Waveland Little League play, will have an opportunity to register from 1-5 p.m. this afternoon at the Waveland Ball Park, Central and Waveland avenues.

Registration fees are \$25 for first child, \$20 for second, and \$15 any additional children.

Little League baseball is still a popular sport for youngsters.

Carlos Ramos of Waveland stopped by my office this week to show me a letter he received from an Nigerian resident.

The letter was almost like one I also received from a person in the same country about six months ago.

It appears to be one of those "get-rich-quick schemes," and I feel the best thing to do is to pass it on to the postmaster. This I did when I received the one mailed to me.

It is interesting the requirements of the letter: 1 - One blank copy of your company letterhead duly signed and stamped underneath; 2 - One blank copy of your company proforma invoice duly signed and stamped underneath; and 3 - Your Bank Account Number and Address where the money will be remitted.

Authorities tell us it is best to check those too-good-to-be-true offers, which are usually get-rich-quick scams, and never give them any personal information.

There are many schemes around these days, and business people as well as individuals have to be on their toes, because there is probably someone out there who would like to get into your pocketbook.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Bay resident complains about streets, ditches

Dear Editor:

After numerous calls to the city about city street conditions, still no answer.

Bay St. Louis city streets are a disaster. I live in Cedar Point where they've been working on the drainage for at least one year.

Ditches are dug up to four feet deep and being left wide open with no plans of ever being totally filled in. Yet, water still stands in the ditch.

I have young children all around my house. My next door neighbor was told that if he was so worried about it he should put up a fence. What kind of answer was that?

I don't have children, so what happens when one of their children gets hurt in my ditch?

Two days ago I had a neighbor and his car in my ditch. What if he got seriously hurt?

I've been told that this is as far as the work is going, because the city doesn't have the money.

Yet, every day they're out tearing up another street, and ours isn't finished yet. Not only the ditches, but the road needs repaving. Will this get done, or do we have to wait for someone to float a bond issue?

Where's the money from that giant property tax hike? Where's the money from the casino revenue? We pay for the wear and tear on the city vehicles, who will pay for ours?

Charlene Bourgeois

Cedar Point

Bay St. Louis

IN CONGRESS

By Representative
Gene Taylor

Puerto Ricans have served our military with distinction

On March 4, the U.S. House voted on HR 856, the United States-Puerto Rico Political Status Act. The bill, which passed the House by 203-208, would allow the citizens of Puerto Rico to hold an initiative to determine if they wanted to seek independence, seek statehood or remain as they are currently, a commonwealth territory of the United States.

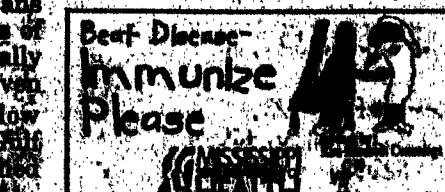
I want to stress that this was not a vote on statehood for Puerto Rico, as some people would have you believe. HR 856 will only allow Puerto Ricans a choice of what road they would like to take.

Even if the people of Puerto Rico vote in favor of statehood, which they have not done in previous referendums, the path to statehood would be a long one. The House vote two weeks ago only allows Puerto Ricans, who are U.S. citizens, the right of self-determination.

This is a right the citizens of Puerto Rico have paid for by the military service of over 200,000 Puerto Ricans.

As I write this column, approximately 20,000 Puerto Ricans are serving in the Armed Forces of the United States. During this century, the 200,000 Puerto Ricans who have served in our military have taken a pledge to defend our nation. They have served with distinction, and thousands of them have shed their blood while in the U.S. military.

As recently as the Persian Gulf War, 4,300 Puerto Ricans served in the Armed Forces of the U.S. with 2,000 actually seeing duty in the Gulf. Even with the highest casualty rate, low American casualties in the Gulf War, four Puerto Ricans died for our country.



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FROM THE MISSISSIPPI SENATE

By State Senator
Scottie Cuevas

Trauma-care system, other issues remain alive during 10th week

A statewide trauma care system proposal was still alive at week's end, despite other financial commitments preventing its full funding in Fiscal Year 1999.

HB 966, authorizing the State Health Department to develop and administer the system, was amended and approved by the Senate Monday.

Short of the \$6 million requested, the proposal would raise about \$2.2 million from increased fines on traffic violations and DUI convictions.

Supporters said they believe the anticipated revenue would be enough to get the work started.

Senators have been drinking drivers under age 21 will be given something else to think about after the Senate passed an amended version of HB 990, which changed the DUI blood-alcohol level from .08 to .02.

By strengthening the state law, we are hoping to save lives and to continue eligibility for federal highway funds. Included in the bill is a provision to allow "hardship" reinstatement of a first-time offender's driver's license.

NURSING HOME BEDS

Another bill headed for a conference committee is HB 1191 to allow Medicaid participation for certain nursing-home beds and much-needed new beds.

For a number of years, Mississippi has prohibited authorizing new Medicaid-supported nursing home beds, but the growing need for them has prompted us to reconsider.

Along with other provisions, the Senate version contains about 900 beds, while the House bill calls for 1,500.

The Senate also passed HB 320, which would allow persons ready for parole from prison to

FROM THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE

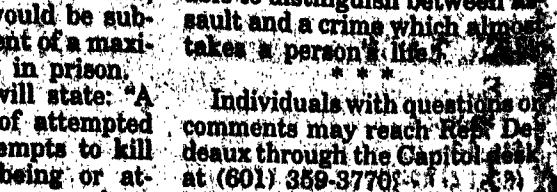
By Representative
Dirk Dedeaux

Mississippi close to adopting attempted murder statute

Attempted murder is not a specific crime under Mississippi statutory law. This may change if SB 2650 passes.

Presently serious and life-threatening injuries are covered under aggravated assault. What this means is that if someone were to stab another person several times and leave him for dead and the victim were to live, the perpetrator would be subject to a punishment of a maximum of 20 years in prison.

The new law will state: "A person is guilty of attempted murder if he attempts to kill another human being or attempts to cause or purpose or



Individuals with questions or comments may reach Rep. Dedeaux through the Capitol office at (601) 369-3770.

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REFLECTIONS ON LIFE

By Father Jerome
LeDoux, SVD

With well over six billion people running around the world, it is hard to imagine that there is a metaphysical connection between all of them. Yet, that is the precise claim of no less an authority than Jesus Christ:

"I am the true vine. I am the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing" (Jn. 15:1,5).

So that refers to the followers of Jesus, but does it refer to others as well? Jesus clarifies this beyond a doubt:

"I am the gate for the sheep. I am the good shepherd... I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. These also I must lead, and they will hear my voice, and there will be one flock, one shepherd" (Jn. 10:7,14,16).

There is little doubt that most of those six-billion-plus human beings couldn't care less that Jesus considers them a potential and longed-for part of this flock, or that Jesus wants them to be branches vitally attached to him.

Those mind-boggling billions just go on multiplying by tens of millions each year, swelling the population of India so fast that the Indians should surpass the Chinese in population by the year 2040. Jesus is hardly on their mind.

Still, in spite of their resistance to the idea of being branches of Jesus the true vine, the reality of the mode of being is no less real. But how can those milling billions belong to the body of Jesus Christ against their will?

Because, if their intentions

are good, they implicitly want to find eternal salvation through Jesus Christ:

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life" (Jn. 3:16).

Willy-nilly, all the world's billions are involved in the generous, compassionate, loving plan of God for them. Even those who explicitly reject Jesus Christ implicitly embrace him, provided they follow their conscience as they know it.

As for Christians, despite the numerous denominational splinters, there is nonetheless but one spiritual body of Jesus Christ containing all of the motley mixture directly or indirectly. Again, faith and good will determine this.

Paul speaks of the branches that we are with a metaphor slightly different from the one used by Jesus:

"As in one body we have many parts, and all the parts do not have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ and individually parts of one another" (Rm. 12:4-5).

This metaphor, just as that of the branches, is fabulous, but it poses a problem for our imagination as Paul goes on to compare us to eyes, ears, hands, feet and other members.

There are just too many billions of people living now.

However, if we make the comparison not just body members but also body cells, we have an abundance of parts to which we can compare ourselves, for our body is comprised of some

100 trillion cells which make up all our members and parts.

Because of Jesus Christ the true vine, there is a solidarity throughout all the peoples of the world. Because of his one body

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The bad news is the geniuses who write our tax law have made things even more complex. The good news is you have more options than ever. The guide below is an attempt to simplify things in print. You can figure out your options if you study it carefully. But why bother? Come into any Hancock Bank and let us help you turn the confusion to your advantage.

Making the Right Choice

These 3 scenarios portray typical situations and possible choices. Although your own situation may closely resemble one of these, keep in mind that the right decision for you depends on a careful review of your own needs and resources.

Scenario 1: Tom and Anne Murphy are a two-income couple in their late 20's with one child. Their primary asset is their new home, which they invested almost all of their savings to purchase last year. With an annual income of \$49,000 and no established retirement account yet, they know they need to start a program soon. Which program is best?

Recommendation: Assuming the Sciotos' adjusted annual income on their joint return is less than \$100,000 and they will be in a higher tax bracket in the future, they may consider a roll-over of their traditional IRA into a Roth IRA in 1998 and pay the taxes over four years. This will allow the balance to grow tax-free as well as future contributions and earnings. In addition, Tom could continue to participate in his employer's 401(k) plan, especially if his employer matches his contributions. If not, he may need to compare the return on his 401(k) investment to a self-directed Roth IRA.

Scenario 2: Trish and Allen Sciotto are in their late 40's with two children in college. Allen, the income earner, has \$46,000 in a traditional IRA, \$76,500 in his employer's 401(k) program (into which he contributes 12% of his annual salary), and an additional \$63,000 in stocks and mutual funds. The Sciotos own \$111,000 on their \$215,000 residence, with the mortgage scheduled to pay off in 13 years. Under the new tax laws, should the Sciotos consider changing their retirement programs?

Recommendation: Assuming \$3,850 is enough for Alice to live comfortably on during her retirement, she might begin contributing to Education IRAs for her three grandchildren. Also, if Alice doesn't have a need to begin taking distributions from her traditional IRA at age 70 1/2, she may consider rolling it over into a Roth IRA. The money can then be passed on to her heirs and withdrawn tax-free at a later date.

Retirement Plan Comparison

Eligibility	Traditional IRA	Roth IRA	Education IRA	Simplified Employee Pension Plan (SEP)	KEOGH
Any one under age 70 1/2 with earned income or whose spouse has earned income (subject to active participation rules)	Any one with adjusted gross income below \$10,000 (single) or \$14,000 (joint)	Contributions: Any one with adjusted gross income below \$10,000 (single) or \$14,000 (joint). Beneficiary: Under age 18 and not covered under a new prepaid tuition program	Employer (and self-employed individuals) can contribute up to the maximum service requirement allowed by law.	Employer (and self-employed individuals) can contribute up to the maximum service requirement allowed by law.	Employer (and self-employed individuals) can contribute up to the maximum service requirement allowed by law.
Maximum Annual Contribution	Per individual, lesser of \$2,000 or earned income (aggregate of all IRAs), special needs income (subject to minimum individual contribution rules)	Per individual, lesser of \$2,000 or earned income (aggregate of all IRAs), special needs income (subject to minimum individual contribution rules)	\$500 per beneficiary	15% of employee's compensation	Lesser of \$30,000 or 25% of earned income depending on type of plan
Tax Considerations - Contributions	The deductible (subject to the rules for active participation of owner or spouse in an employer-sponsored retirement plan)	Not tax deductible. Contributions are permitted after age 70 1/2.	Not tax deductible.	Contributions deductible to employee; contributions and investment earnings tax-deductible to participant	Contributions deductible to employee; contributions and investment earnings tax-deductible to participant
Tax Considerations - Withdrawals	Subject to current tax rules when distributions are made.	Not tax-free if withdrawn prior to age 59 1/2 due to death or disability, or for qualifying first-time home buyer expenses and contribution has been in account for 5 years.	Not taxable to the extent spent on qualifying higher education expenses.	Subject to current tax rules when distributions are made.	Generally taxed at current tax rate and when distributions are made.
Withdrawal of Assets	Prior to age 59 1/2 may be subject to 10% penalty tax.	Prior to age 59 1/2 may be subject to 10% penalty tax.	Qualified distribution for tuition, fees, books, supplies, equipment, room and board must be made during year in which child reaches age 30. If distribution is made after age 30, additional tax and a 10% penalty will be imposed.	Prior to age 59 1/2 may be subject to 10% penalty unless employee dies or is disabled (certain other exceptions apply).	Generally three options: • An annuity or investments over a term of years (trump tax-free taxable in year of withdrawal if converted to an IRA or another employer's plan)
Mandatory Lifetime Distributions	Must begin by April 1 following the year the owner turns 70 1/2.	No requirement to begin at age 70 1/2.	Requirement to complete distributions by age 30.	Requirement to complete distributions by age 70 1/2.	Must begin by April 1 following the year the participant turns age 70 1/2.



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Inmate suits targeted by legislature

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — Mississippi inmates in recent years have filed hundreds of lawsuits against the state on a wide array of subjects — from conjugal visit rights to beating allegations.

Two years ago lawmakers decided to go after prisoners who file frivolous lawsuits — forcing them to pay some of the court costs and lose some of their earned good time.

Signing editorials, free obits added to legal ad bill

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — A East Mississippi lawmaker convinced the House to venture off again into the realm of requiring newspaper editorial writers to sign their work.

Rep. Tommy Horne, I-Meridian, called the proposal his "Yellow Dog Journalism" amendment. He failed two years ago to keep the amendment in a bill that would exempt free community newspapers from sales taxes.

Horne said he was not going to offer the amendment again but the bill that would only have increased the fees for running legal advertisements was too good of a target.

"What this amendment says is if a newspaper requires you to sign your name to a letter before they'll publish it, a letter to the editor, then in turn, when they castigate, malign and degrade you in their editorials, then somebody's got to have their name at the bottom of it ... it will be a human being with a name," Horne said.

Dan Phillips, publisher of The Oxford Eagle and president of the Mississippi Press Association, said the amendment would not even hold up in a court law as being unconstitutional.

Some newspaper editors do sign editorials, he said.

Phillips said Horne's amendment and others added could detract from efforts by newspapers to increase legal ad rates unchanged for 11 years.

"This bill is vitally important to the small newspapers, especially the weekly newspapers. The money they collect from running legal notices is a big part of their budget. Efforts, such as these, to hinder passage of this bill, are hurting the small newspapers of our state," Phillips said.

Under present law, newspapers are allowed to charge 8 cents per word for the first

High school teams invited to compete in forensics tournament

High school teams are invited to compete in the first Azalea City Classic High School Forensics Tournament at the University of Mobile Saturday, March 21, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

The event, sponsored by the UM Forensics Team, is a competition for high school debate teams and students interested in drama, speech or English.

The tournament will feature competitions in extemporaneous speaking, prose interpretation, after-dinner speaking, solo acting, dramatic interpretation, original oratory, poetry interpretation, duet acting, radio broadcasting, impromptu speaking and improvised duet acting.

Sweepstakes awards will be presented to the top three high schools, and awards will be presented to all finalists.

Deadline for registration is March 17. To register or for in-

Grieving Support Group

A Wholesome Grieving Support Group will meet every second Wednesday of the month 3-5 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at the Hancock Senior Care Office in Bay West Professional Center, 1011 Hwy. 90, across from the Waffle House. The meetings are free of charge.

For information, call Edmond Fahey Funeral Home at 467-9031 or Hancock Senior Care at 467-4675.

The subject has been revived this year, and two bills headed to the governor are designed to put a further dent in frivolous suits.

Right now, 110 cases are pending against the Department of Corrections and in the last six months 75 cases were dismissed, according to the attorney general's office.

The price tag for defending the lawsuits is more than

\$500,000 a year, said Assistant Attorney General Trey Bobinger.

He said money is being wasted, and cites the lawsuit involving the HIV-infected inmate who sued because he was denied conjugal visits.

"Everybody says that's crazy, but if somebody sues, we have to go into court," said Bobinger.

The House and Senate have passed two separate bills on the issue.

The first would clarify when inmates may be penalized for filing needless lawsuits. Previously, the Legislature said that could happen when a judge ruled the suit was frivolous.

The new standard would be when the lawsuit is dismissed as being "frivolous, malicious or for failure to state a claim upon which relief could be granted."

"There's a gray area on interpreting what a frivolous lawsuit is. They wanted that for 'clarification,'" said House Penitentiary Committee chairman Bennett Malone, D-Carthage. "Now judges will feel more comfortable."

Inmates will risk losing "earned time," which allows them to get out early if a judge rules their suits are baseless.

Corrections officials may take 60 days of the time for one suit, 120 days for a second and 180 days for the third suit.

"Inmates will be hesitant to bring legitimate claims," said David Ingebretsen, executive director of the state American Civil Liberties Union.

Ingebretsen said the legislation is "part of a disturbing trend to deny or restrict inmates' access to the court." He said the Department of Corrections also has limited inmates' use of law libraries.

Malone said there are some valid lawsuits, but some are obviously not.

The second plan at the capital deals with inmates who have filed three frivolous suits

already. They could not require the state to pay for their lawsuit costs in any future cases, unless the prisoner is under imminent danger of serious physical injury" under the bill.

Inmates with money in their special prison account also would have to contribute to the filing fees and could be required to pay all court costs if the suit is deemed unnecessary.

"We've got some jailhouse lawyers at Parchman," said Malone. "They know just enough to file a lawsuit."

"It had gotten out of hand. I think we're fixing to get a handle on it now," he said.

Sharon McFadden, circuit clerk in Sunflower County where Parchman prison is located, said about 200 lawsuits were filed each year in 1995 and 1996, against prison officials. She said the number dropped to about 150 last year.

Even still, she said, the cases burden the county.

"The ones that are left are filing continuously. There's no end," she said.

Senate Corrections Committee chairman Bunky Huggins, R-Greenwood, contributes the lawsuit proliferation to jailhouse boredom.

"A lot of them are filing stuff to be filing stuff," he said.

But he said the threat of making inmates pay for lawsuit costs "is going to slow it way down."

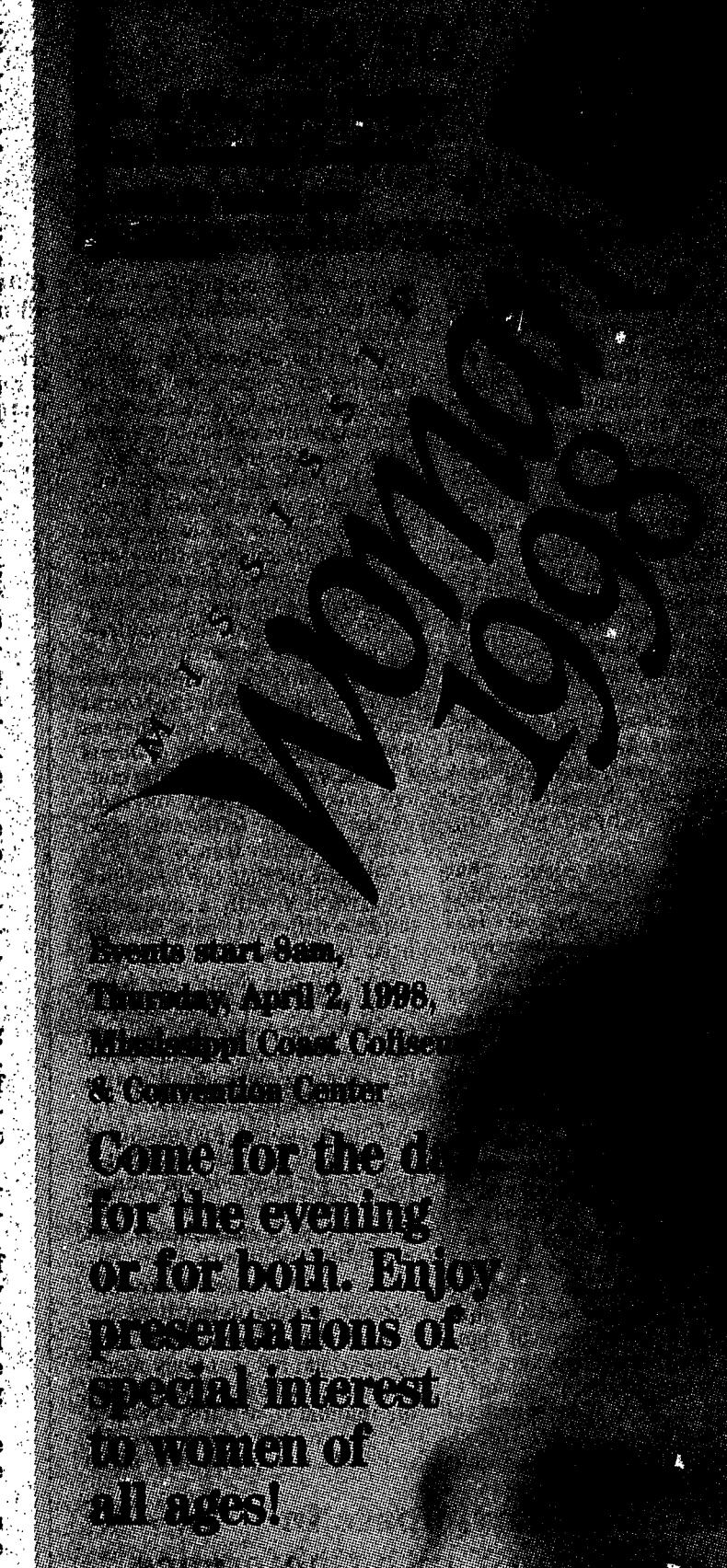
The Department of Corrections has been sued successfully.

A 1996 jury ruled in favor of an inmate who was brutally beaten after an escape.

Another lawsuit on second hand smoke prompted state officials to review smoking policies in prisons.

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El Nino may result in fewer strong tornadoes for Midsouth

El Nino, the weather phenomenon most recently blamed for Florida's killer tornadoes, actually may benefit North Mississippi during the coming

spring tornado season.

After studying 40 years of accumulated weather data, Mississippi State University gra-

duate student William Monfredo is predicting a decrease in the frequency of strong and violent 1998 season tornadoes — those rated 2-5 on the Fujita scale — for the central United States.

"El Nino won't worsen our tornado season," Monfredo said. "In fact, it may even make it milder."

The national tornado season is February-July, but Mississippi's peak is March and April in spring and November in the fall. Monfredo's research concerns only the spring pattern.

Monfredo obtained much of his data from weather balloon recordings. After analyzing the information with a statistical model, he determined that wind speed and direction were inconsequential factors. "Cap strength" is another matter, however.

The cap is the layer of air that forms between the warm, moist air nearest the earth and the very-warm and dry air above the layer. Its strength and thickness are determined by the air above and below. In completing the research, Monfredo said he came to appreciate the "cap strength" is the key to the milder El Nino tornadoes.

"He is the first to discover this link between cap strength and El Nino."

The stronger the cap, the longer it takes for building clouds to break through into the upper atmosphere," he explained. "The resulting storms and tornadoes traditionally are more violent than usual."

Monfredo said he believes El Nino — the periodic warming of

Pacific Ocean waters — will cause this spring's cap to be "weaker and less frequent." This is good news for the Southern Low Plains (Northeast Texas, Arkansas, Missouri and most of Oklahoma and Kansas) and Mid-South (Kentucky, Tennessee and the northern halves of Alabama and Mississippi).

"While the Southern Low Plains should see fewer strong and violent tornadoes, the Mid-South region, the area most strongly affected by the results of El Nino, should benefit the most," he said.

But, be alert, South Mississippi!

Monfredo said Mississippi's climate from Jackson southward is very different from the north and cannot be included among the areas seeing fewer of the strong storms. Other regions of the country, such as the Northern Plains, also will not feel El Nino's effect on any tornadic activity.

"William has done an excellent job in analyzing such a vast amount of data," said David Arnold, assistant professor in the geosciences department and director of the department's climatology laboratory.

Monfredo, a Pittsburgh, Pa. resident, received his bachelor's degree in speech communication from Penn State. He is scheduled to complete his master's in geoscience from MSU in May.

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HNCE Multicultural Program

On Feb. 19-20, Hancock North Central Elementary School held its annual Multicultural Program. Students in grades Kindergarten through six studied and experienced the culture of various world regions through activities such as food tasting, native games, music, art, regional pets, and guest speakers. Family and friends were invited to the gymnasium to view a wide variety of skits, parades, songs and other cultural festivities put on by each grade. Pictured, a group of students parade around the gymnasium with their crew banner as they present activities from Mardi Gras.

USM Gulf Coast to get academic dean

The state College Board has approved creation of a chief academic officer's position at the University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Coast and authorized USMGC to proceed with plans to construct a \$5.6 million classroom building.

The search process will begin immediately to fill the new post of academic dean by July 1, according to Dr. Jim Williams, whose promotion from associate vice president to vice president of USMGC also was to be approved during the board's Feb. 19 meeting.

Williams said recent commitments from Harrison County and its five municipalities to provide \$2 million in matching funds for a planned \$4.54 million Advanced Education Center on the Gulf Park campus will allow that project to go forward. The state Legislature set aside \$3.65 million for the building project in 1995.

He said the addition of a full-time academic dean, who will coordinate all academic matters at USM's three Gulf Coast centers, and construction of the new classroom building will help the university better meet the area's expanding education needs.

The College Board also authorized USMGC to purchase — with existing funds — two Beach Park land parcels for future expansion at a total cost of \$121,500. Additionally, the board authorized Gulf Park to proceed with \$400,000 in park-

ing improvements.

Responsibilities of the USMGC academic dean will include class scheduling, faculty recruitment and development, academic budget administration, assistance in the tenure and promotion process, evaluation of programs, preparation of program proposals, distance learning and accreditation leadership.

The academic dean will report to Williams and will have responsibility for coordinating all Coast academic matters with the university provost in Hattiesburg.

Reporting to the dean will be academic division chairs in arts and sciences, business administration, education and psychology, nursing and the director of Cox Library.

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Bay High & OLA take team honors in Relays

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II.

The Bay High Tigers and the Our Lady Academy Crescents took the team titles in the annual Rock Relays held on Thursday 'in between the walls' at SSC.

Bay High totaled 113 points for the boys' championship outdistancing runner-up SSC with 98 points. The St. John Eagles, a first-year track team, tallied 64 points while Pass Christian gathered 54 points. Resurrection High School finished fifth in the standings with 10 points.

On the girls' side, OLA scored 98 points while the Lady Eagles placed second with 70 points. Pass Christian ended with 39 points and Resurrection 12.

In boys' shotput, Willie Golden of SSC placed first with a throw of 41' 1 1/2" while Michael Flowers of Bay High finished second with 39' 6". Derrick Crawford of Pass Christian rounded out the top three places with a throw of 38' 9 1/2".

In the discus, Flowers of Bay High was the top thrower with a distance of 131' 3" while Ryan Watson of SSC threw 104' 3". Jesse Battle of SSC finished third with a throw of 99' 7".

Wes Griffith of Bay High won the high jump with a leap of 6' 0" and Joe Ingram of Pass High placed second with a jump of 5' 10". Grady Willis and Donald Pipes of SSC placed third and fourth, respectively.

Griffith also won the pole vault with a vault of 13'.

Derl Lang of Pass Christian won the boys' long jump with a leap of 19' 4" while James McDonald of SSC placed second with 17' 3". Ray Dedeaux of Pass Christian rounded out the top three with a leap of 16' 6".

Tank Williams of Bay High won the triple jump competition with a jump of 39' 4" while Donald Pipes of SSC placed third with 33' 4 1/2".

David Heaps of SSC won the 3200m run in 10:59.6 while Rick Deckert of Pass Christian finished third with a time of 12:14.4. Barry Viator of Bay High placed fourth in 13:19.0 while Jacob Davis of Pass High came in fifth in 13:21.46.

In the 110m high hurdles, Andy Brown sprinted to first place for SSC in 15.59 while Helder Iombo of SSC placed second with a time of 19.00.

Brown of Bay High won the 100m dash with a time of 10.96. Herman Dunklin of Bay High placed second in 11.28 while John Lott of Pass Christian rounded out the top three with a time of 11.42.

The 800m relay team of Tony Benton, Dunklin, Lang, and Brown from Bay High placed first with a time of 1:32.02 while SSC's team of Freddie Lewis, Brown, McDonald, and Kris Cannon placed second in 1:35.9. Pass Christian's team of Lott, Anderson, Dedeaux, and Ingram rounded out the top three with a time of 1:38.15.

The 1600m run was won by Donnie Brimm of Resurrection with a time of 4:53.03. Randy Albert of Pass Christian placed third with a time of 5:07.22.

The 400m relay was won by Bay High's team of Benton, Dunklin, McKay, and Brown with a time of 45.59. SSC placed second but was disqualified due to a bad exchange. Pass Christian's team of Harvey, Lott, Dedeaux, and Ingram placed second with a time of 49.24.

The 400m dash was won by Bay High's Derl Lang in a time of 51.87. T.J. McKeough of SSC placed third with a time of 58.93.

The 300m hurdles were won by Brown of SSC in a time of 40.33 while Iombo of SSC placed second in 46.71.

The 800m run was won by Jeff May of Pass Christian in a time of 2:16.96. Scott Floyd of SSC edged Christian Nemes of SSC for second place with times of 2:22.29 and 2:22.49, respectively.

Brown of Bay High sprinted to first place in the 200m dash with a time of 22.03. Williams of Bay High took second in 22.20.

The Bay High team of Lang, McKay, Haynes, and Brown won the 1800m relay with a time of 3:50.86. SSC's team of Mike Prendergast, Watson, Norton, and McKeough placed third with a time of 4:10.63.

In girls' shotput, Rachelle Haynes of Pass Christian won the event with a throw of 26' 6" while OLA's Jill Rutherford

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Common stock commandments

Throughout history, certain "rules" have been recognized as basic for a successful, happy life — for example, "Do unto others as you would have others do unto you."

As with life in general, investing has a few proven rules, too. Following are some tried-and-true guidelines for common stock investing:

1. **Invest in the strong.** Most of the companies in your portfolio should be strong financially and have demonstrated consistent earnings and dividend growth over time. Companies with a leadership position in an industry offer many built-in advantages. They didn't get there unless they had a competitive edge such as management strengths or superior products or services. If a company does not command a leadership position, then it should offer other competitive strengths that would allow it to sustain long-term profitability.

2. **Invest in companies that honor the shareholder.** One way to measure whether management is shareholder-focused is to examine whether companies are able to earn an attractive (or improving) return on invested capital.

Hancock Holding pays \$17 million tax

The Hancock Holding Company has announced that it is paying \$17.4 million in income taxes for the year 1991.

According to Hancock Holding Company Vice Chairman George A. Schloegel, income tax is not the only contribution banks made to their communities.

"The typical banker on the Coast in Mississippi and throughout the country is a person who is involved in every aspect of his or her community, from church and civic work to donating expertise to a variety of local projects. This spirit of giving extends into the workplace where we spend all day, every day, helping our neighbors achieve their financial dreams."

Schloegel, who now serves as president of the Mississippi Bankers Association, emphasized that commercial banks are a major factor in helping Americans live better.

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Procurement opportunities fair, seminar set March 19

A procurement opportunities fair and seminar is set for Thursday, March 19, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Holiday Inn in Waveland. Admission is free, and the restaurant will be available for lunch.

The seminar will be addressing federal, state and local government contracting, subcontracting opportunities, government credit card program (Impact Card), electronic commerce/data interchange, funding sources for small businesses, and bonding.

Participants include the Naval Oceanographic Office, NASA Procurement Office, Naval Construction Battalion Center, VA Medical Center, Keesler Air Force Base Contracting Office, Small Business Administration, Department of Economic and Community Development, MTS-Ltd. Bonding, Small Business Development Center, South Mississippi Planning and Development District, Electronic Commerce Resource Center and South Mississippi Contract Procurement Center.

Sponsors are the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce, USM Small Business Development Center, Hancock County Port & Harbor Commission, Gulf Coast Business Technology Center and Mississippi Contract Procurement Center, Inc.

Agenda:
March 19, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
9:30 a.m., Welcome and Opening Remarks, Bay St. Louis Mayor Eddie Favre and Waveland Mayor John Mason
9:15-9:30 a.m., Procurement Opportunities (Fed/State/Local), Richard Speights, executive director, MCPC, Inc.

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9:30-10 a.m., Department of Defense Procurement Opportunities, Naval Oceanographic Office, Naval Construction Battalion Center, Keesler Air Force Base.

10-10:30 a.m., Other Federal Procurement Opportunities, NASA, Veterans Administration

10:30-noon, Expanding Your Business, Funding: SBA, South Mississippi Planning and Development District; Management/Technical Assistance: USM SBDC, RMBDC, ECRC, Bonding, MTS, Ltd.

Noon-12:30 p.m., Lunch on your own (restaurant available).

12:30-2 p.m., Networking: One-on-one contact with agencies/participants.

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BUSINESS NEWS

Export Operations Seminar

An Export Operations Seminar, Part II, will be held Wednesday, March 18, 3:50 p.m. at the Great Southern Club sponsored by Hinds Community College, International Trade Club of Mississippi, Mississippi Department of Economic and Community Development, Mississippi District Export Council, Mississippi Export Assistance Center, Mississippi State Port Authority, Pearl River Community College SBDC and USM Small Business Development Center. The seminar is free.

The program outline includes:

Banking Documentation presented by Deposit Guaranty National Bank, International Banking Division.

Impact of Computerization on Export Documentation presented by Hinds Community College International Trade Center.

Shipping Incentives presented by the Port of Gulfport.

Export Trade Finance presented by Mississippi Department of Economic & Community Development, International Division.

For more information and to make reservations, call Aleta Smith at 228-392-0907 by Tuesday, March 17.

Credit union meeting

Kosciusko Federal Credit Union's 1998 membership meeting will be held at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum and Convention Center Thursday, March 19 at 7 p.m. At the annual meeting, the credit union will cover business and honor long-term employees. Cash and prizes will be awarded, and all members are encouraged to attend.

Kosciusko Federal Credit Union is the largest credit union in Mississippi and serves over 127,000 members worldwide with total assets in excess of \$400 million. The credit union has 10 branches along the Mississippi Gulf Coast and three branches on Royal Air Force Bases in the United Kingdom.

Plane being rebuilt

Vintage Aeroplane Company, owned by Jon Roth (EAA40831), and the Anglo-American Lightning Association, a Mississippi non-profit organization, has taken delivery of two twin-seat supersonic British Electric Lightnings airplanes.

The company will use one of the planes for parts and restore the other to flight status.

The work is being done at Stennis International Airport in Hancock County and is expected to take about 18 months.

For additional information, contact Roth at 467-7078 or 467-5484.

Medal of Honor

Henry Burkhardt, a member of the International Trade Club of Mississippi, Inc., Southern Chapter, will hold its monthly dinner meeting at the Great Southern Club in the Hancock Bank Building.

Guest speaker will be Jim Peeler, U.S. Chamber of Commerce director at the Port of Gulfport. Peeler will speak on "Our Miss. New Horizons: Changes for the Future."

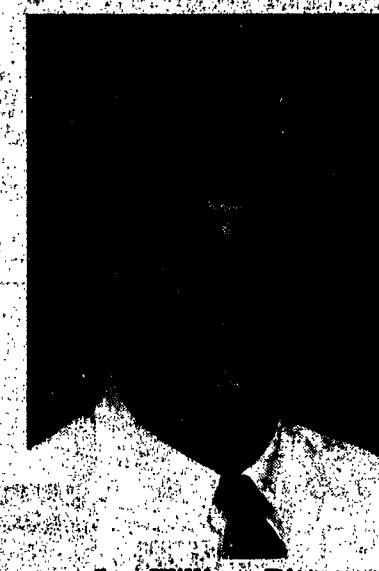
There will be a reception and 50th dinner starting at 6 p.m. Cost is \$10 for members and guests, \$12 for non-members, \$14 for non-members, \$11 for a child under 12. Call 228-392-0907 for more information. March 19, 1998.

Those with special dietary needs should make arrangements at that time.



New service

Associated Rehabilitation Services, providing a full range of therapeutic services, has opened its first office on the coast in Hancock Square, across from Hancock Medical Center. At the ribbon cutting, from left to right are: office manager, Mary McCarthy; Jay Lagasse; Ronnie Eaves, who oversees eight offices in the state under the Rehabilitation Agency of Mississippi umbrella; Matthew Capo, director of the new clinic; Waveland Mayor John Mason; Diane Capo; staff member Alison Warner; Buz Olsen; and Don Oso. (Echo staff photo by Ed Lepoma)



Jon William Ritten



John Williamson

Realty company recognized

Coldwell Banker Coast Delta Realty for the second year in a row has received the Coldwell Banker Premier Office designation as well as individual designation awards.

The Premier Office Award is awarded to the offices who average \$75,000 closed gross commission income per sales associate and/or 20 closed revenue units per sales associate.

Individual sales awards were awarded:

International President's Circle: This honor was earned by Jon William Ritten and is awarded to sales associates who produce a minimum of \$150,000 in closed gross commission income and/or 36 closed revenue units.

International Diamond Society: This honor was earned by Susan Ritten and is awarded to sales associates who produce a minimum of \$100,000 in closed gross commission income and/or 24 closed revenue units.

International Sterling Society: This honor was awarded to John Williamson and is awarded to sales associates who produce a minimum of \$75,000.

Custom service to present program

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Cash in big at National Cornbread Cook-Off

Official Rules

Get out that well-seasoned cast iron skillet, your Martha White Corn Meal and your cooking creativity because it's time to enter the National Cornbread Cook-Off sponsored by Martha White Corn Meal and Lodge Cast Iron.

The cook-off celebrates the happy union of cornbread and cast iron and is held in conjunction with the annual National Cornbread Festival in South Pittsburg, Tenn., April 25 and 26.

Enter by sending your best original main dish recipe cooked in cast iron and prepared with at least one cup of Martha White Corn Meal or one package Martha White Cornbread Mix. Send your entries, including name, complete address and phone number to:

1998 National Cornbread Cook-Off
209 7th Avenue N
Nashville, TN 37219

Entries must be postmarked by March 2, 1998 and received by March 6.

Ten lucky semifinalists will be invited to prepare their creations and compete for cash prizes at the final judging April 25 in South Pittsburg. Recipes will be judged on the basis of taste, creativity, appetizing appearance, ease of preparation and appropriate use of the product.

A cash prize of \$500 and a 30-inch deluxe gas or electric range (a \$600 value) from Brown Stove Works Inc., of Cleveland, Tenn., will be awarded to the first prize winning recipe.

The second prize winner takes home \$200 and the third prize winner receives a cash prize of \$150. The remaining seven semifinalists each receive a \$100 cash prize and all semifinalists will be awarded special gifts from Martha White and Lodge Cast Iron. The 10 semifinalists will be required to provide their own ingredients and cooking equipment at the competition.

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half-marathons, but has yet to reach her goal of completing a 26 mile race.

"My goal was to run (a marathon) in 1997, but then I started teaching," she said, explaining it's now harder to train.

She put her goal of running a marathon on the back burner for a while. Lagarde said, "but then received information on Teams in Training in the mail, which she regarded as a kind of sign."

She attended a meeting and decided it was time to run her marathon.

Although she didn't realize it at the time, an advertisement for the marathon in a runner's magazine had caught Lagarde's eye for a totally different reason. Called the first Rock and Roll Marathon, the event features different bands each mile along the route. Lagarde had read about the marathon last year, commenting that it was the kind of race she needed to run because she would need the encouragement along the way. She never considered that she would be running in it.

1. The Martha White Corn Meal/Lodge Cast Iron 1998 National Cornbread Cook-Off seeks original main dish recipes prepared with at least one cup Martha White Corn Meal or one package Martha White Cornbread Mix. All recipes must be cooked in cast iron cookware.

2. Contest is open to U.S. residents (18 years or older), except food professionals, such as a chef, food writer or food home economist who creates recipes for pay. Ineligible for entry are employees of Martha White/Pillsbury or Lodge Manufacturing Company, their affiliates, advertising and publicity agencies and their immediate families living within the same household.

3. Entries must be postmarked by March 2, 1998 and received by March 6. Martha White and Lodge Manufacturing Company are not responsible for lost, late or misdirected mail.

4. Sent entries to:
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5. Enter as often as you wish, but only one entry may qualify as a winner. Each entry must be mailed in a separate envelope and must include:

— Your recipe legibly written, printed or typewritten on a sheet of 8 1/2 x 11-inch paper with your name, complete address, and phone number.

— Each recipe must include U.S. standard measurements, complete preparation instructions, cooking times and temperatures, number of servings, size of pans and any special utensils or cookware.

6. By entering the contest, contestants warrant to the best of their knowledge, recipes are original and unpublished. Contestants agree to be quoted and/or photographed and to the use of their names and photographs in any form for publicity, advertising and/or trade purposes by

Martha White or Lodge Manufacturing Company and their agencies without additional compensation.

7. Winners acknowledge that Martha White and Lodge Manufacturing Company and the owners of the recipe will have accompanying rights and may alter or amend it to meet Martha White or Lodge Manufacturing Company's recipe requirements.

8. Ten semifinalists will be notified by March 31. All semifinalists must participate in the Cook-Off in South Pittsburg, Tenn., April 25 to be eligible to win a prize. All travel and living expenses are the responsibility of the finalist.

9. Corn meal products will be provided by Martha White Groceries and kitchen equipment needed by the finalist for recipe preparation at the festival are the responsibility of the finalist.

10. Prizes: First prize, \$500 cash and a 30-inch deluxe gas or electric range (a \$600 value) from Brown Stove Works, Inc., of Cleveland, Tenn., and special gifts from Lodge Cast Iron and Martha White.

11. Second prize, \$200 cash and special gifts from Lodge Cast Iron and Martha White.

12. Third prize, \$150 cash and special gifts from Lodge Cast Iron and Martha White.

13. Seven honorable mention prizes of \$100 cash and special gifts from Lodge Cast Iron and Martha White.

14. Contest will be judged on the following criteria: taste, creativity, appetizing appearance, ease of preparation and appropriate use of the products.

15. All prizes will be awarded by April 25, 1998. Contest void where prohibited by law. All federal, state and local laws apply.

16. For a copy of the winners list, send a self-addressed, stamped, legal size envelope to 1998 National Cornbread Cook-Off Winners List, 209 7th Avenue North, Nashville, TN 37219.

It does not hurt to ask," McDonald said.

After the initial negotiations, there was no resolution on who should pay for future paving on Road 3000. Phillips' original contract was to pave the road in 1995, but he delayed the paving because he was unable to find a contractor willing to do the work.

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an escalation clause in his lease at Stevens. Phillips' rent was increased to \$1,458 a month effective in March.

However, Phillips' original contract has already been reduced once after the casino charter business started in the summer of 1995. At that time, Phillips' rent was cut to \$900 a month.

If not for that reduction, the new increase would have hiked his rent to \$1,458 a month.

"He's still \$400 below the original contract," McDonald said.

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Day Waveland Elks Hoop Shoot

Winners of the Bay-Waveland Elks Hoop Shoot held at St. Stanislaus were: 6-8 year-old girls: From left, Myriam Michell, Alyson Walter and Debra Johnson. 8-9 year-old boys: From left, Curtis Parker and Keith Swilley. 10-11 year-old girls: From left, Maggie Rafferty, Lindsay Benvenuti and Erin Casey. 10-11 year-old boys: From left, Jay

Spell, Arrin Baxter and Christian Walter.

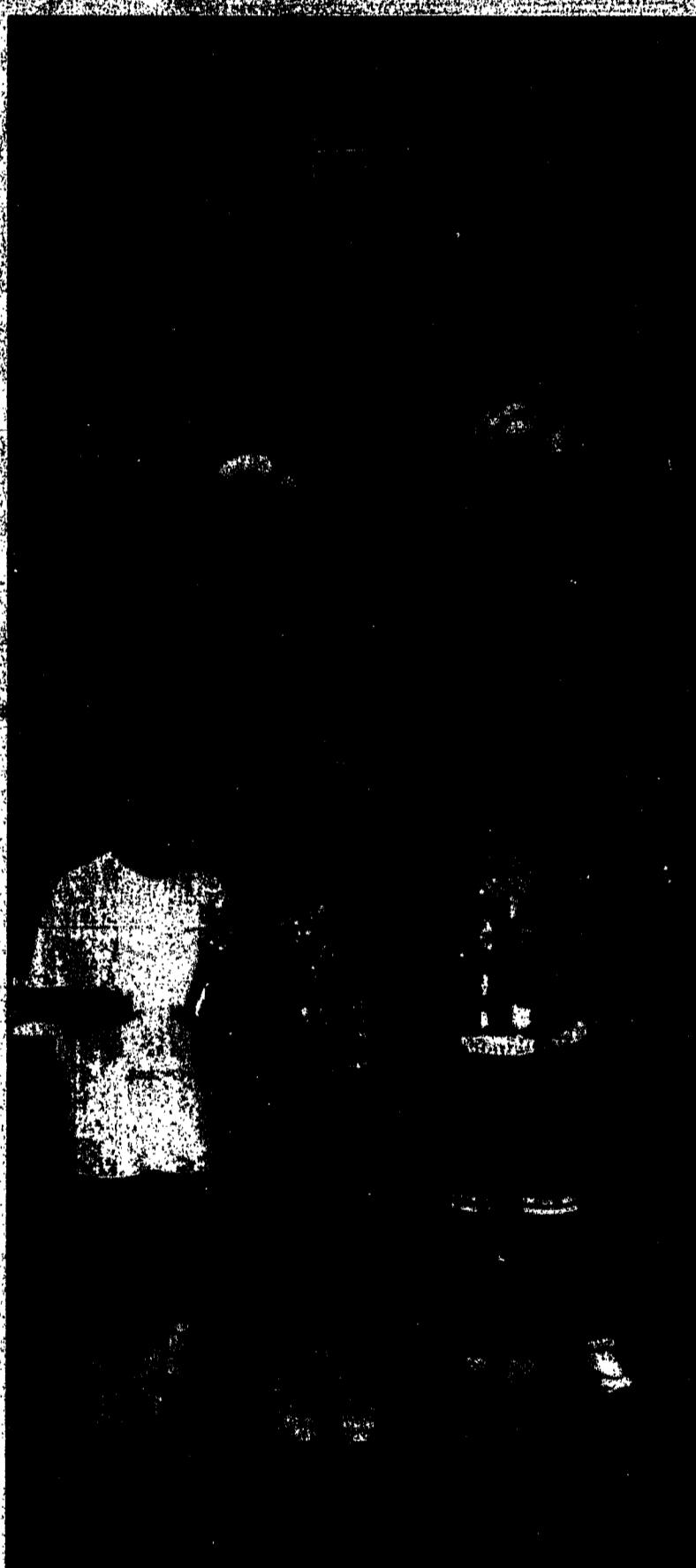
12-13 year-old boys: From left, Jeff Damon, Cuevas, Kyle Mulford and Robert Martin.

12-13 year-old girls: Megan Swilley and Anne Bradley.

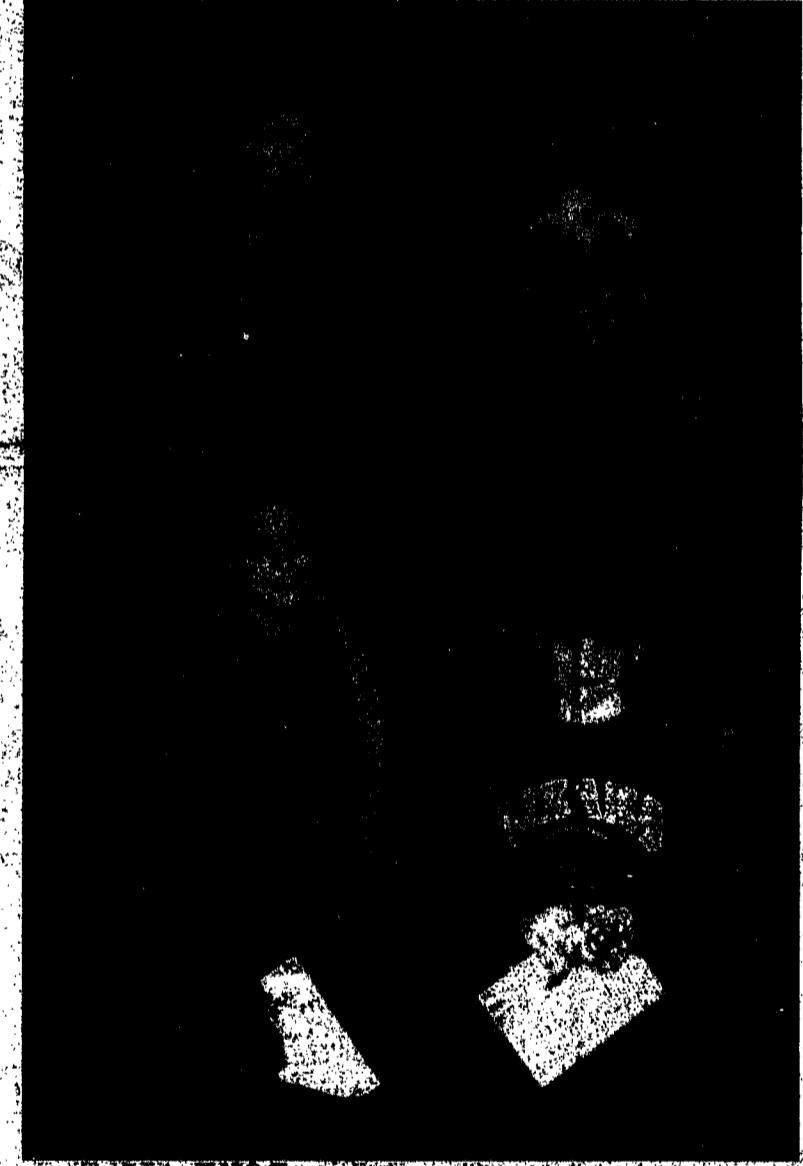
Pictured with all the winners are Gene Woodrich and Francis Alvin Fahrenholz.



(Pictured right) From left, Jay Ladd, Jerry Spell, Randolph Bourgeois and Francis Fahrenholz.



10-11 year-old boys winners



12-13 year-old girls winners



6-8 year-old boys winners

Scoti-Aquarium opens registration for Jason IX

Registration is open for the education portion of the Jason in the Gulf of Mexico reservations now for the March 18-29 live, interactive broadcasts of Jason IX, "The Oceans of Earth and Beyond."

School groups from south Mississippi, Louisiana and Alabama will join Dr. Robert D. Ballard, discoverer of the wreckage of RMS Titanic, and other scientists for the live broadcasts at 9 a.m., 10:30 a.m., noon, 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. Monday through Friday during the Jason project.

Reserve times for their class, teachers should call 226-374-2060. Special admission to the center during Jason broadcasts is \$2.50 per person for all ages. Sessions are also open to the general public, and individuals, and non-school groups are encouraged to attend afternoon sessions.

During the two weeks of Jason, students will descend into the depths of underwater canyons in a remote-controlled submarine. They will navigate through kelp forests in Monterey Bay, Calif., observe sea life

of the Guaymas Basin in Mexico's Sea of Cortez and study the Atlantic Ocean off Bermuda.

They will have the opportunity to see scientific exploration as it happens and to do some exploring of their own. Dr. Allen Tubbs, Jason coordinator at MECA, said, "We are set up at the marine education center to have two possibilities for students to drive the ROVs (Remotely Operated Vehicle) or remote cameras each session," he said. "It is a live exploration, so you can never predict exactly what is going to happen; but we are glad to have two drivers instead of one this year."

Tubbs said the remote cameras and ROVs — unmanned submersibles — will allow students at the marine education center to explore the Monterey Bay trench.

"The Monterey Bay trench is over two miles deep right at the mouth of Monterey Bay," Tubbs said. "That's the subduction zone, where the floor of the ocean is going under the continental crust, and that is what causes the earthquakes out there. There are also cold seeps which support unique communities that survive without sunlight."

Tubbs said students attending Jason sessions would have access to two stand-alone computers and direct phone line so that they can interact with the scientists on site by Internet and by phone. He said all three screens will also be interactive this year.

Ocean Springs High School student Larry Stewart will join Ballard and the Jason scientific team on site at the expedition at Monterey Bay. Jason is in its sixth year on the Coast through the cooperative effort of the Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command, the University of Southern Mississippi's Institute of Marine Sciences and a group of education-minded business and civic leaders.

Local sponsors include the City of Biloxi, DuPont DeLisle Plant, Isle of Capri Casino, The Sun Herald and WLOX-TV. Ballard founded the Jason Project after he received thousands of letters from school children following his discovery of the Titanic. Since then, millions of students have accompanied him as he explored the remains of Roman trading ships in the Mediterranean, warships from the War of 1812 in Lake Erie, hydrothermal vents off Baja, volcanoes in Hawaii, the rainforests of Belize, the geological "hot spots" of Iceland and Yellowstone, and the "other world" environment of the Galapagos Islands.

The Scott Aquarium is one of three Coast campuses of the Institute of Marine Sciences.



CBM receives donation

In conjunction with Charles B. Murphy Elementary School's annual science fair, David Geiger, site director for Boeing at Stennis Space Center, recently donated \$500 to the school for books and research materials for future science fairs. Receiving the donation are several students and faculty members; back row from left, David Geiger, Linda Bently, science fair coordinator; Denny Grisby, Lenette Ladner, principal; and Krystal Reynolds; front row, Ashley Gibson, Raoul Boughton, Rachael Diaz and Chandra Acker.

Southern Miss restructuring marine science

The University of Southern Mississippi's Institute of Marine Sciences will revamp its academic structure and under proposals approved recently by the state College Board.

Board members also took under advisement additional IMS proposals to expand degree offerings in marine and coastal sciences. They will reconsider those proposals next month.

"The long-range plan is to continue growing the institute's research, education and outreach capability, which will include expansion to the Cedar Point site and development of a national center for marine animal health research," said Dr. Jay Grimes, IMS director, expressing delight with the board's action.

In short, the institute will now:

- establish a Department of Coastal Sciences initially consisting of 20 senior scientists from the Gulf Coast Research Laboratory, formalizing programs ongoing at the Ocean Springs-based lab since 1947; and

- establish a Department of Marine Science at the Hancock County-based Stennis Space Center, replacing the existing Center of Marine Science there and incorporating its eight tenured and tenure-track faculty and research scientists.

The board also gave the go-ahead for nearly \$200,000 in preliminary planning and design work on a proposed \$337,000 Aquatic Environment Laboratory building.

Two old barracks-style structures will be demolished to make way for the 4,800-square-foot concrete building, that will house wet labs, offices and equipment.

The board delayed action on other IMS proposals to:

- offer a bachelor of science degree in marine biology, which

would upgrade a current marine biology emphasis in biological sciences to better meet specific needs of the Gulf Coast region.

- offer a master of science degree in coastal sciences, part of an effort to expand and enhance graduate education opportunities in a rapidly-evolving discipline; and

- offer a PhD in coastal sciences, a new degree designed to attract outstanding doctoral students who will help develop the IMS as a center of excellence on a national and international scale.

"The institute will now be operating with a firm academic foundation comprised of the two new departments," said Grimes.

"They will be complemented by the continuing research and outreach programs at Gulf Coast Research Laboratory, the J. L. Scott Marine Education Center and Aquarium, and the institute's Stennis Space Center campus."

Creation of the two new departments will be effective April 1. They will be administered by chairs, who will report directly to Grimes. The department at Stennis represents only

a name change.

IMS officials said there will be no need to hire additional faculty, and the present GCRL budget will accommodate the needs of the new department there. The necessary infrastructure — classrooms, teaching labs, research labs and equipment — already exists at GCRL.

Candidates for faculty status at GCRL will undergo review to evaluate and confirm their qualifications for professional appointment and tenure within the USM academic structure.

"As an independent, non-degree-granting member (historically) of the Institutions of Higher Learning of the State of Mississippi, GCRL has offered marine, estuarine and coastal science courses since its inception in 1947," said the IMS proposal to the College Board.

The proposal cited a "long-standing association of GCRL with the USM Department of Biological Sciences that has been especially successful, and continues through participation of biological sciences faculty with interests in marine sciences" as a component of IMS and through the proposed BS degree in marine biology.



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TOPS WAVELAND 307

TOPS MS Chapter 307 Waveland met Wednesday, March 11 at the Waveland Public Library. Laura was the week's best loser with 4½ pounds. Lynn received a charm for losing 10 pounds. Twelve members were present. Ann received the Incentive Award.

Elections were held for new officers. Ruth was re-elected leader, Jenny was elected co-leader, Deidre was re-elected secretary, and Desarae was re-elected treasurer.

Weight recorder is Rhonda, and assistant weight recorder is Mary. Paula is walking coordinator. Laura is the club's greeter, and Sherry is in charge of organizing programs.

The Easter egg contest starts this week. Members are asked to bring shirts to the next meeting to be painted for SRD.

TOPS' web address is <http://www.tops.org> log on for loads of info. The weight loss chapter promotes enthusiasm, recognition, understanding and encourages sensible eating habits. Anyone interested is welcome to join.

The chapter meets every Wednesday at the Waveland Public Library. Weigh-ins are from 4:45-5:30 p.m. with the meeting following.

Anyone interested in losing weight the sensible way and/or maintaining weight loss is welcome to visit the chapter.

Call Ruth at 466-9880 for information.

Trade club meeting

On Thursday, March 19, the International Trade Club of Mississippi, Inc., Southern Chapter, will hold its monthly dinner meeting at the Great Southern Club in the Hancock Bank Building, One Hancock Plaza, Gulfport.

Guest speaker is Mark Peeler, U.S. Customs Service port director at the Port of Gulfport. Peeler will speak on "Customs' New Horizons — Changes for the Future."

BIRTH

JUNE ELIZABETH LANCLOS

Mr. and Mrs. John Adam Lanclos II of Waveland announce the birth of their second child, June Elizabeth, March 9, 1998 at 7:15 a.m. at Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis.

She weighed 7 pounds, 5 ounces.

Mrs. Lanclos is the former Julie Baudoin.

Maternal grandparents are William and Rhonda Baudoin of Bay St. Louis.

Paternal grandparents are John L. and Lorraine Lanclos of Waveland.

Great-grandparents include Frederick and Eola Guerin of Mobile and William and Margaret Austin of Lakeshore.

June is welcomed by her sister Jane.

JEREMIAH JAY BRIDGES

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Bridges of Bay St. Louis announce the birth of their first child, Jeremiah Jay, March 4, 1998 at 2:16 p.m. at Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis.

He weighed 5 pounds, 15 ounces.

Mrs. Bridges is the former Andrea Bordelon.

Maternal grandparents are Kirby and Martha Bordelon of Bay St. Louis.

Paternal grandmother is Geneva Bridges of Jackson.

Great-grandparents include Rita Bordelon and Lillian Carroll.

STEPHAN GARY MACKENZIE

Mr. and Mrs. Gary MacKenzie of Bay St. Louis announce the birth of their second child, Stephan Gary, March 4, 1998 at 12:22 a.m. at Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis.

He weighed 8 pounds, 3 ounces.

Mrs. MacKenzie is the former Jennifer Williams.

Maternal grandparents are Donna Kent of Horseshoe Bend, Idaho, and Warren and Virginia Russum of Gulfport.

Paternal grandparents are Ernie and Paula McKinion of Biloxi. Great-grandparents include Mr. and Mrs. Kent of Horseshoe Bend, Mrs. Henrietta Click of Gulfport and Mrs. Julia Russum of Moss Point.

Stephan is welcomed by his brother Mitchell.

JOSIE LYNNE FAVRE

Mr. and Mrs. Travis Michael Favre of Kiln announce the birth of their first child, Josie Lynne, February 17, 1998 at 1:57 p.m. at Memorial Hospital at Gulfport.

She weighed 8 pounds, 3 ounces.

Mrs. Favre is the former Bonnie Ann Baxter.

Maternal grandparents are John and Mary Baxter of Pass Christian.

Paternal grandparents are Marty and Patricia Favre of Kiln.

Great-grandparents include Edward and Marion Baxter of Pass Christian, J. E. and Marilyn Favre of Kiln, and Sue Bellais of Kiln.

CARLIE MARIE WRENSTED

Mr. and Mrs. John Wrensted III of Linden, Ala., announce the birth of their third child, Carlie Marie, February 17, 1998 at 7:07 p.m. at Bryan Whitfield Memorial Hospital in Demopolis, Ala.

She weighed 8 pounds, 10 ounces.

Mrs. Wrensted is the former Valerie Green.

Maternal grandparents are the Rev. Mickey Green and Mrs. Marie Green.

Paternal grandparents are John and Judy Wrensted.

Great-grandmother is Mrs. Loedy Hazel Crew.

Carlie is welcomed by brother Tyler and sister Alyssa.

HANNAH ELIZABETH WINCHESTER

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mark Winchester of Pass Christian announce the birth of their daughter, Hannah Elizabeth, February 21, 1998 at 3:55 p.m. at Memorial Hospital at Gulfport.

She weighed 8 pounds, 9½ ounces.

Mrs. Winchester is the former Becky Power.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. William Power Jr. of Waveland and Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Morken of Diamondhead.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hadaway of Gulfport.

Great-grandparents are Mrs. Georgia Power of River Ridge, La., and Mrs. Vada Murray of Metairie, La.

Discover personal writing style

Discover your personal, natural writing style at an April workshop offered by the University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Coast campus in Long Beach.

The 6-8 p.m. course, which will be held April 14, 16, 21 and 23, will determine personality type, interpret the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator, identify writing style and approach, and create a fictional character that reflects each individual's per-

AARP Chapter 1114

The Hancock County AARP Chapter 1114 will meet Monday, March 16 at 10 a.m. at the American Legion Post 77 on Coleman Avenue in Waveland.

Guest speaker will be Officer Theresa Beeson of the Waveland Police Department. Subject will be Safety for Seniors.

Also present will be Officer C. J. Lick of the K9 Corps and Arno and Ace.

Gulf Coast MS Society

The Mississippi Gulf Coast MS Society will meet March 28 at 2 p.m. at the Holiday Inn on Hwy. 49, just south of I-10. For information, call the MS hotline at 396-9777.

Clermont Harbor Civic Association

The Clermont Harbor Civic Association meets Saturday, March 21, 7:30 p.m. at Clermont Harbor Fire Department. Guest speaker will be Deputy Rita Blaize-Watson.

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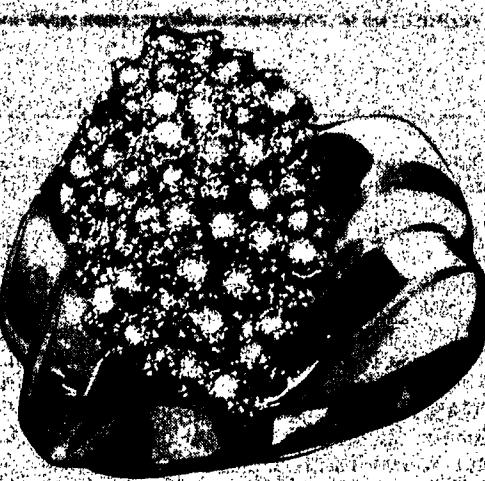
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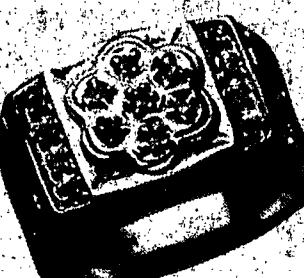
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North Bay participates in Read Across America

In celebration of Dr. Seuss' birthday, the National Education Association sponsored Read Across America March 2. North Bay Elementary shared in this national day of reading through a number of special activities.

Students and staff participated in Storybook Parades. Dressed as their favorite book characters, groups took turns parading around the school. The parades were led by librarian Kay Covode, music teacher Karen Raines and PE teacher Rena Russell.

Throughout the day, each classroom was visited by a celebrity reader. The readers read a story to the students. Many of the stories were by Dr. Seuss. Celebrity readers included De-

bbie Anderson, Brian Adam, Barbara Boston, Debbie Cox, Michael Cuevas, Judy Fletcher, Gene Green, Rocky Murphy, Sam Parker, Dave Stepro, Dr. Kim Stashy, Dr. Mike Reed, Connie Roth, Cindy Vernon and Sgt. Don Watson.

Three classes presented choral readings of Dr. Seuss books for other students in the school. These classes were Mrs. Roth's third grade, Mrs. Murphy's third grade and Mrs. Jenkins' multi-age class.

All parents of North Bay stu-

dents were urged to participate by reading a story with their child on the night of March 2. Certificates of participation were returned to school the following day and displayed in the cafeteria.

Third graders present a choral reading.

Libraries Story Hours

"Ocean Creatures" will be the theme at the Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library Wednesday, March 18 at 10:30 a.m.

Susan Daigre, program coordinator, will assist children in making their own octopus.

"Pigs, Aplenty" will be the theme at the Kiln Library Thursday, March 19 at 10:30 a.m.

The Three Little Pigs and the Big Bad Wolf, Pigs, Aplenty, Pigs Galore! and Those Can-Do Pigs are books to be read. Children will also make their own pig puppet.

Weekly story hours are held September through May. Programs last approximately one hour. The Kiln Library hosts a story hour every other Thursday.

Programs and activities are designed for pre-school-age children three to five years old who are not part of a nursery or pre-school group.

For story hour information, contact David Woodburn, Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Public Library, 467-5282 or Sandra Ladner, Kiln Library, 255-1724.

BESTSELLERS

The Hancock County Library System reports the following books listed on the New York Times Bestseller List have been ordered by the system's libraries. The initials in parentheses following the descriptions stand for the library branches (at which the books are available): B=Bay-Waveland; K=Kiln; NA=Not Available.

FICTION

1. **THE STREET LAWYER**, by John Grisham. (Double-day, \$27.95) A young lawyer comes to terms with himself after discovering his prestigious firm's dirty secret. (BWK)
2. **PARADISE**, by Toni Morrison. (Knopf, \$25) A small black utopia in rural Oklahoma experiences tragedy and regeneration when it encounters the "real" world. (BWK)
3. **COLD MOUNTAIN**, by Charles Frazier. (Atlantic Monthly, \$24) A Confederate soldier journeys home toward the end of the Civil War to meet an old love. (BWK)
4. **BLACK AND BLUE**, by Anna Quindlen. (Random House, \$23) After her husband turns violent, a woman flees to Florida with her

young son to start a new life under a new name. (B)

5. **THE CAT WHO SANG FOR THE BIRDS**, by Lilian Jackson Braun. (Putnam, \$27.95) Jim Qwilleran and his two cats pursue the cause of a series of disasters. (BWK)

6. **FEAR NOTHING**, by Dean Koontz. (Bantam, \$26.95) A man whose health makes it necessary for him to live at night witnesses mysteries only he can solve. (BWK)

7. **BIRTHDAY LETTERS**, by Ted Hughes. (Farrar, Straus & Giroux, \$20) Poems addressed to the author's wife, Sylvia Plath, written after her suicide in 1963. (B)

8. **MEMOIRS OF A GEISHA**, by Arthur Golden. (Knopf, \$25) The life of a young woman growing up in Kyoto who has to reinvent herself after World War II begins. (B)

9. **A CERTAIN JUSTICE**, by P. D. James. (Knopf, \$25) Adam Dalgleish in pursuit of the murderer of a celebrated and widely detested criminal lawyer. (BWK)

10. **THE WINNER**, by David Baldacci. (Warner, \$25) The tribulations of a dirt-poor woman who reluctantly participates in a lottery. (BWK)

pates in a scam to win the national lottery. (BWK)

NON-FICTION

1. **TALKING TO HEAVEN**, by James Van Praagh. (Dutton, \$22.95) A "world-famous medium" discusses communication with the other side. (B)

2. **ANGELA'S ASHES**, by Frank McCourt. (Scribner, \$24) An Irish-American writer recalls his childhood amid the miseries of Limerick. (BWK)

3. **TUESDAYS WITH MORRICE**, by Mitch Albom. (Doubleday, \$19.95) A sportswriter tells of his weekly visits to his old college mentor, who was near death's door. (B)

4. **THE MILLIONNAIRE NEXT DOOR**, by Thomas J. Stanley and William D. Danko. (Longstreet, \$22) An analysis of the lives of wealthy Americans disclosed that they have seven characteristics in common. (B)

5. **MIDNIGHT IN THE GARDEN OF GOOD AND EVIL**, by John Berendt. (Random House, \$23) The mysterious death of a young man in Savannah, Ga. (BWK)

6. **THE PERFECT STORM**, by Sebastian Junger. (Nor-

Book Character Day

On Feb. 20, the student body, faculty and staff at Waveland Elementary School dressed up as their favorite book characters. Students were read to by the character look-alikes as well as serenaded by a character parade.

7. **INTO THIN AIR**, by Jon Krakauer. (Villard, \$24.95) A journalist's account of his ascent of Mount Everest in 1996, the deadliest season in history. (B)
8. **JAMES CAMERON'S TITANIC**, by Ed W. Marsh. (Photographs by Douglas Kirkland. (Harper Collins, \$50) A lavishly illustrated ac-
9. **THE MAN WHO LISTENS TO HORSES**, by Monty Roberts. (Random House, \$22) The memoirs of a professional horse trainer. (B)
10. **CONVERSATIONS WITH GOD: Book 1**, by Neale Donald Walsch. (Putnam, \$19.95) The author addresses questions of good and evil, guilt and sin. (BWK)

Library's book discussion group meets this week

Iphigenia at Aulis by Euripides is the selection to be discussed at the library's book discussion group's next meeting on Wednesday, March 18 at 7 p.m. in the Seal Meeting Room of the Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library.

The source material for the series is *Parent and Children*, published by The Great Books Foundation. One selection from this book will be discussed at each meeting.

Reading selections have been chosen to stimulate lively shared inquiry discussions. This collection brings together

works from around the world that speak to each other on a theme of universal significance.

Sponsored by the Hancock County Library System, the discussion group began in March 1990. Since that time they have completed 110 readings from great books (Plato, Hobbes, Locke de Tocqueville, Freud, the Bible, among others). Mississippi fiction, play readings and 20 philosophical questions. The group will meet every other Wednesday at 7 p.m.

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Naval personnel to staff Jason broadcast

Petty Officer Second Class Andrew Dillstaedt and Petty Officer First Class Larry Irwin of the Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command at Stennis Space Center will staff Mississippi's interactive Jason broadcast month during the Jason Expedition.

The Jason Project, founded in 1993 by Dr. Robert Ballard following his discovery of the wreck of the Titanic, is designed to enable students and teachers worldwide to take part in global explorations using advanced interactive telecommunications.

Dillstaedt and Irwin volunteered for the duty this year for the second straight year. Last month they attended a two-day training session in New York to acquaint them with the technology, the program and procedures for technical problems during the broadcast.

Dillstaedt is assistant to the command master chief, and Irwin is temporarily assigned to boat operations in Gulfport.

At last year's broadcast, they worked with the technical part of the program — setting up equipment and communicating

with the broadcast center — and the public — attending the people at the broadcast, running the question-and-answer sessions.

The Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command brought Jason to Mississippi in 1993, when Jason Foundation director Dr. Robert Ballard traded three free downlink sites for the Navy's help and cooperation.

The Navy also provided the equipment for the Mississippi sites and installed the equipment at the J. L. Scott Marine Education Center in Biloxi. Since 1993, more than 30,000 teachers and students from Mississippi, Alabama and Louisiana have experienced Jason at the Marine Education Center.

This year Jason will go statewide for the first time via live broadcast on the 29-school Mississippi Star School Network. In addition, a second interactive site will be located at Coahoma Community College in Clarksdale, and an additional network site will be located at the Russell L. Davis Planetarium in Jackson.

MILITARY

SGT WYNDHAM
Marine Sgt. Norman H. Wyndham, son of James N. and Elvera M. Nease of Pass Christian, participated in a training exercise while on a six-month deployment to Okinawa with 2nd Battalion 6th Marines, homebased at Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Wyndham joined the Marine Corps in January 1993.

PO3 MEYERS
Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Jeremy J. Meyers, son of Floyd G. and Mary J. Meyers of Bay St. Louis is currently on a six-month deployment to the Arabian Gulf aboard the aircraft carrier USS George Washington.

The 1995 graduate of St. Stanislaus joined the Navy in September 1995.

PO3 SMITH
Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Rosalind E. Smith, daughter of Janice Jones of Pass Christian, recently returned to her home base of Oak Harbor, Wash., after a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific Ocean and Arabian Gulf with the Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron 138 embarked aboard the aircraft carrier USS Nimitz.

PVT HARRIFORD

Army Pvt. Robert J. Harriford has entered basic military

training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

Harriford is the son of Don E. Harriford of Pass Christian and Joyce R. Harriford of Pascagoula.

His wife, Michele, resides in Gulfport.

AIRMAN FAIRCONNETTE

Navy Airman Recruit Natalie J. Fairconnette, daughter of Nathaniel and Paula Fairconnette of Bay St. Louis, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

She is a 1996 graduate of Bay High School.

PO1 Perret

Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Michael D. Perret, son of Louis D. Perret of Bay St. Louis, was recently selected as Sailor of the Year at Commander Naval Reserve Recruiting Command, New Orleans.

Perret joined the Navy in August 1994.

SEAMAN DUPLESSIS

Navy Seaman Quincy J. Duplessis, son of Wanda and Joseph Piernas Sr. of Pass Christian, has departed on a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea and Arabian Gulf with the amphibious assault ship USS Wasp.

The 1997 graduate of Pass Christian High School joined the Navy in August 1997.

Vontouré keeps aircraft radar locked on

When a pilot flies combat missions, he doesn't have time to deal with instrument malfunctions. He relies on the plane as if it was an extension of his own body, needing it to perform at its peak on a continual basis. One wrong reading could jeopardize the air crew's safety.

Keeping the plane's radar transmitters and receivers operational is Aviation Electronics Technician Airman Robert Vontouré's job. Named USS Dwight D. Eisenhower's Blue-jacket of the Month, Vontouré works in AIMD's IM-3 Division as a CASS (Consolidated Automated Support System) technician.

"I troubleshoot radar gear and service it back into operation," he said. "I like my job because I know I have plenty of career opportunities whether I decide to stay in the Navy or try the civilian world."

Vontouré said learning different radar units keeps his job interesting. He gets job satisfaction from knowing he's giving pilots the best possible radar picture.

"I feel it's important to know how your job affects others," said the 20-year-old sailor from Bay St. Louis. "I like knowing that what the pilots see is the real deal, not a ginch. It makes me work even harder knowing someone else's life is on the line."

Vontouré performs a variety of tests and checks on his state-of-the-art test-bench. The CASS bench was installed two years ago. It troubleshoots all kinds of

equipment on aircraft, ships and submarines.

"The CASS bench is the wave of the future in the Navy," he said. "The bench supports many different platforms and is capable of checking gear from F/A-18 Hornets, S-3 Vikings, SH-60 helicopters and EA-6B Prowlers. With this bench, you can find out what's wrong with almost any piece of equipment."

Even though his job is a big priority, Vontouré still finds time for other things. He's enrolled in the EAWS program and is planning on taking PACE courses during the upcoming deployment.

"My approach to work is simple, but effective," Vontouré said. "I'm confident in my job, and I don't hesitate when faced with a deadline. I finish a job as quickly and correctly as possible so it doesn't overwhelm me."

He said working in a rating with many career options has helped him mature and taught him discipline.

"Before I joined the Navy, I was focused on having a good time, and I didn't really have direction in my life," said Vontouré. "I take my job seriously because I know that play time is over."

ATL Mike Nation, Shop 81PA, said Vontouré's leadership attitude helped him get recognized as Bluejacket of the Month.

"He's a bench supervisor in charge of six Sailors and has shown leadership skills not normally found in junior Sailors," Nation said.

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Roots and shoots spring up at Coast Episcopal

It was like an old-fashioned barn raising. Some were hammering nails into landscape timbers while others measured and cut. Others were putting soil into the newly raised beds in anticipation of spring planting. Still others were assembling and painting the gazebo.

Most of the young children were playing in the mountain of top soil, while others played roller blade hockey on the basketball court.

All activity halted for a community lunch before diving back into activity that warm February day.

It was not a barn they were building, however, but a

garden. The Coast Episcopal families and friends all gathered Saturday to build the Roots and Shoots Garden at the school. It was the first giant step in what had taken almost a year of planning.

"We had a tremendous response when we first brought the idea back from Lexington, Va., and approached the administration and board at Coast Episcopal," said Susan and Mike Carron, garden coordinators.

"The greatest reception has been from the students themselves. It's so exciting to see the children get involved." Roots and Shoots is an in-

tergenerational program that explores the mysteries of nature in a garden by sharing both fact and sensory experiences. This will be a garden where students, known as Shoots, and older community volunteers, known as Roots, grow vegetables, flowers, and herbs together as 'garden friends.'

It creates a link between the young and old, between the community and the school.

"There's been tremendous enthusiasm and support from the whole Coast Episcopal community. It was easy to get help, and we thank everyone who volunteered," added the Carrons, who donated supplies.

The Katy Garden, as it will be called, is actually an outdoor classroom.

The design, by architect Alison Anderson of Unabridged Architects, is based on the needs of a teaching garden. There is a scarecrow garden, colonial herb gardens, a sunflower and wildflower garden, a Peter Rabbit garden, an alphabet garden and a water garden.

The Katy Roots and Shoots Intergenerational Garden has its own roots in the Roots and Shoots School Garden at Waddell Elementary School in Lexington, Va.

Many of the ideas and much of the curriculum came from the inspiration and generosity of Molly and Dick Brown of Lexington.

Volunteers are needed to serve as mentors once the planting begins. Call Susan Carron at 467-3737 or Merry Montjoy at 467-5125.



Janet Sacks, left, and Will Mestayer help plant the garden.



Pepsi Student of the Month

Waveland Elementary School announced its first recipient of the Pepsi Student of the Month award. The award was presented by Sam Alman of Pepsi and the principal, Dr. Donna Jones. The winner is third grade student Emily Giatima.

SSC excels at tourney

St. Stanislaus participated in a Math and Science Tournament at Mississippi College in Clinton Feb. 5. The team faced 739 Mississippi high school students representing 79 schools.

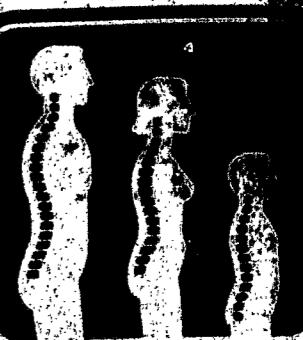
Overall awards were handed to individuals scoring in the competition, and monetary scholarships were awarded to the various winners based on individual performances.

The St. Stanislaus Math and Science Team earned eight

scholarships valued at \$13,200. Brian Geiger scored in the top 5 percent in physics and the top 10 percent in computer science.

Douglas Radzyniak scored in the top 10 percent in physics. Kris Schaumburg scored in the top 15 percent in both chemistry and mathematics.

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Third and fourth grades: Front row from left, Chad Ruhr, Danielle Hamby, Heather Benson, Aaron Sones, Sasha Machen; second row, Kayla Lummus, Chad McDowell, Tymira Hayes, Louis Lester; third row, Len Jenkins, Teresa Smith, Megan Ladner, Lakesha Farve, Kristina Brouard and Jonathon Moran.

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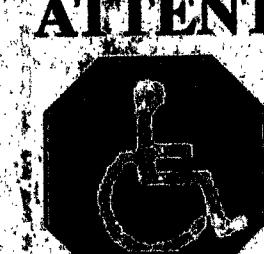
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To register or for information, call Donna Hutchings at 467-9240.

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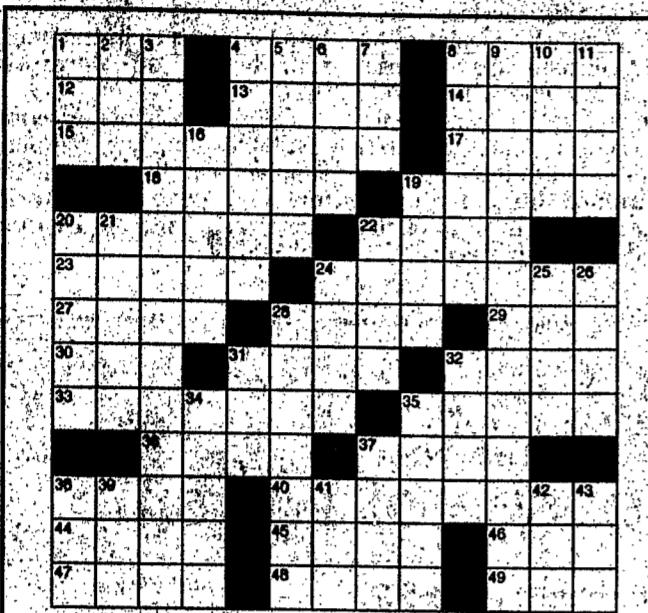
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New Orleans catches the Vodou vibe

The Big Easy go wild over Vodou? It was a given. And now the Crescent City celebrates with the New Orleans Museum of Art the opening of the nationally acclaimed touring exhibition *Sacred Arts of Haitian Vodou* with NOMA's own colorful beads and special Vodou-inspired beverages created by New Orleans' best bartenders.

Visitors to *Sacred Arts of Haitian Vodou* will receive a strand of limited edition Mardi Gras-style beads created by NOMA. These beads will be available only on a first-come, first-served basis and only at NOMA.

With or without beads, Vodou fans can partake in the potent potions being offered by New Orleans' restaurants and nightclubs, a first in the Crescent City.

"We had a great success last

year when we asked some of New Orleans' finest chefs to create egg dishes as part of *Faberge in America*. They came up with everything from omelets to egg-shaped chocolate desserts," said Sharon Litwin, NOMA's assistant director for development. "Like last time, we just made an open-ended request—create a drink that you think relates to Haiti or Vodou. And, like last time, we have been thrilled with the creativity."

The drinks being offered include a special micro-brewed beer, a trend martini, concoctions kissed by the cooling flavors of coconut and fruit juices, and plenty of offerings featuring that favorite island spirit, rum.

A brochure listing all the participating restaurant and bars will be available at NOMA during

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SELLIST WANTED FOR GROWING SALES in Diamondhead area. Call 228-0995.

TAKING APPLICATIONS FOR LPN'S, apply in person Hotel Reed Nursing Center, 400 North Beach Blvd., B.S.L. 467-5462.

TAKING APPLICATIONS for Nursing Assistant's, apply in person Hotel Reed Nursing Center, 400 North Beach Blvd., B.S.L. 467-5462.

TAKING APPLICATIONS for Part-time baker, apply in person Hotel Reed Nursing Center, 400 North Beach Blvd., B.S.L. 467-5462.

TAKING APPLICATIONS FOR BARTENDER'S, Jus Rubie's Hwy 90, Waveland.

THE BLUE PARROT RESTAURANT and night club located at 200 South Beach Blvd. in Bay St. Louis will hold on-site interviews for impending openings on Tues/Wed. from 12:00 to 4:00 PM. All positions available.

THE CITY OF BAY ST. LOUIS is accepting applications for the position of Clerk of Council. The ideal candidate will have excellent typing, computer and note taking skills. Good written and verbal communication skills and the ability to handle multiple tasks are essential. The salary range for this position is \$18,000-\$22,000, dependent upon qualifications. An application packet may be obtained at City Hall Annex, 111 Court Street, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520. Application deadline is March 23, 1998.

TIRE TOWN TEAM, One or South Louisiana & Mississippi's leading independent tire dealer's has career opportunity for you. If you are an experienced tire technician, we want to talk to you. We offer a very competitive compensation program. 342 Hwy 90, Waveland, Call Joe, 467-0085. The Town is an Equal Opportunity Employer encouraging qualified females and minorities to apply.

TRUCK DRIVER NEEDED WITH CDL, 467-0727.

WANTED: FULL-TIME, MUST BE strong field worker not afraid of a shovel or heavy lifting. P.M. days, 255-0177, nights 255-0633.

81 Appliance

NOW OPEN: APPLIANCE PARTS PLACE. Sales on new & used parts & appliances. Located on Hwy. 603, Div. of Dollar Rental, 467-9545.

81 Appliances

REBUILT WASHERS AND DRYERS: Fully guaranteed. We have parts and do repair. We also buy used appliances. Bay Washers, 467-8122.

REFRIGERATORS, DISHWASHERS; air conditioners. Clean used appliances, 30 day guarantee. 467-9727.

FOR SALE: REFRIGERATORS, FREEZERS, washers/dryers. OR rent to own, Dollar Rental, 467-9545.

REFRIGERATOR, 1 year old, white, good condition, \$400. obo. 467-9918.

83 Items For Sale

10K GOLD BRACELET (X's & O's), asking \$150; Three Diamond Wedding Ring Wrap, 57. Call 463-0710.

BOS LIVE CRABS: open after 12 noon. Pleasure St., Lakeshore. 467-6814.

CAPTAIN TIMMY'S OYSTERS: \$15.00 a sack. Call 467-1727.

GAS GOLF CART, '88 YAMAHA, \$895. 255-6674.

GE REFRIGERATOR NO-FROST, ICE-MAKER, 20.7, Almond color, like new. Cream 2 pc sectional divan & love seat, Corinth, 12 pillows; custom roll-back designed chair. Purchase all for \$1,000. 255-2501.

24 FT. ROUND POOL & DECK, \$300; Upright piano, \$250; Coffee & end tables, 57. 467-8334.

HOTEL AIR & HEAT UNITS, 1400 BTU, \$150. 467-9727.

OFFICE TABLES, CHAIRS, DESKS, computer tables, Credenza drafting table, file cabinets, 467-9727.

SCUBA GEAR: 2 BC's, \$100/ea; 2 regulators, \$100 and \$150; 2 weight belts, \$10 each; one men's, shorty wetsuit, \$40. 466-4826/sweings.

84 Furniture

DIAMONDHEAD: FOLD-AWAY single bed in black cabinet w/brass trim. Perfect for condo or apt, \$200; Chaise lounge, off white chonded cotton, \$100; Oriental silk screen, 3 panels, \$155; King size custom made bedspread, blue & white bamboo pattern, matching sheer dust ruff & curtains, all for \$125. Call 255-1296.

HOTEL DRESSERS, MIRRORS, nightstands, lamps, spreads, coffee tables, end tables, t.v.s. 467-9727.

MATTRESS SETS: TWIN, FULL, queen & king. Starting at \$50. 467-9727.

PECAN DINING ROOM TABLE W/3 leaves, 6 chairs & protective pad, etc 12. 467-9599.

SOFA BED, EXCELLENT CONDITION, \$100. 466-4826.

METAL ADJUSTABLE BED FRAME: adjust to full or queen size, and wooden spindle headboard. 467-3733.

85 Building Materials

CERAMIC TILE: Interceramic, Summitt, DAL, KPT, Laufer, \$50,000 sqft. in stock. Attention: Builders, Floorplan, special prices, 89¢ sqft. to \$1.80 sqft. 1-800-233-6702. **FLOOR STORE**, Sidell, 1725 Gause Blvd. off I-10, next to Smith & Jones, Bulldart.

16' SPORT CRAFT WITH 100 Horse Johnson, \$1,200. 467-7418.

1991 50HP JOHNSON MOTOR & CONTROLS, \$1,500; 15' Tri-Hull, Johnson 75HP motor, new boat. Boat-motor-paint trt. Inc., \$1,700. 601-785-8397.

20 FT. STRATUS CENTER CONSOLE, 150. Yamaha, 9.19 kicker motor, t-tail, depth-finder, radio, outrigger & downrigger, asking \$9,400. 794-5552.

90' 15 FOOT RANDALL CRAFT BASS boat, trailer, steering, live well, lots of storage. No motor, \$1,500. 228-466-4678 evenings.

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136 Automobiles

1995 CUTLESS CONVERTIBLE: Fully loaded, 23,700 miles, dark green w/tan top, tan leather interior, sport wheels, factory CD/cassette, auto climate control, \$18,500. obo. 466-9834, please leave message.

88 HONDA ACCORD LX, automatic transmission, power windows, sunroof, lots of extras. Good condition, needs some body work. \$2,000 or best offer. 228-466-4678 evenings.

'93 NISSAN, 89,000 MILES, \$3,500. Call 466-9275.

AUTO INSURANCE WITH MONTHLY PAYMENTS as low as \$24. Call Paul Smith Insurance Agency, 467-4607 or 467-1152.

255-3082

HENLEY TIMBER COMPANY

We would like to buy your logs, poles, pulpwood and hardwood timber. Small tracts or large tracts.

255-3082

Laidlaw Transit Inc. which provides school bus service for the city of Bay St. Louis/Waveland, is seeking caring, sensitive, professional and safety minded individuals for the position of school bus driver.

All applicants must possess the following:

- * Must be able to obtain a commercial drivers license and have a good motor vehicle record
- * Successfully complete all training requirements
- * Enjoy working with children
- * Pass a physical examination, including a drug test
- * Sign on bonus after 30 days

Applicants who already have a valid CDL are encouraged to apply.

For immediate consideration please apply at:

700 Pass Road - Gulfport, MS

228-868-7720 or 228-466-9002

90 Pets

AKC REGISTERED HOT TWEAKER puppies for sale, 5 weeks old, \$250 each. 466-0164 anytime.

93 Yard Sale

DEADLINES FOR YARD, GARAGE SALES advertisements appearing in THURSDAY Editions of THE SEA COAST ECHO is 5 p.m. TUESDAYS.

EVERYDAY IS SALE DAY AT YOUR Bay St. Louis Goodwill Store, Bay Shopping Center, Dunbar & Highway 90, Mon. thru Sat. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. 467-7277.

GI GI'S FLEA MARKET: 1/2 mile of I-10, Exit 20 Klin Delite Road. OPEN EVERY SATURDAY AND SUNDAY. Many old designs back this week. For table reservations call: (601)255-4143. Will take consignments.

SEIZED CARS FROM \$175, Porsches, Cadillacs, Chevys, BMW's, Corvettes, also Jeeps, 4WD's. Your area. Toll free 1-800-218-9000 Ext. A-3630 for current listings.

136 Automobiles

1978 FORD LTD, GOOD MOTOR \$500/obo. Call 466-4357.

B & M AUTO SALES 50 DOWN SPECIAL.

'95 Chrysler Cirrus \$199.41

'95 Toyota P/J \$154.28

'94 Grand Am \$129.97

'95 Mazda B2300 PU \$155.85

'94 Saturn \$148.71

BANKRUPT, BAD JOB All you need is a good job

ALL APPLICATIONS APPROVED -900-214-5193

147 Apt. For Rent

SIGNATURE LAKE APARTMENTS, One bedroom, starting at \$360; Two bedroom, starting at \$395; Three bedroom at \$495. Section 8 Welcome. Call about our move in special. 462-9801.

SUN SUITES EXTENDED STAY HOTEL Fully equipped kitchen/breakfast, living area, laundromat, queen size beds, cable, No lease. Starting at \$149.00 wkly. 466-5251

149 Mobile Homes For Sale

FOR SALE! 1/2 ACRE LOTS WITH 2-3 or 4 bedroom homes. All financing arranged! Call 888-208-3600.

AAA HOMES QUICK CREDIT HOTLINE: Need a home? Slow Credit? No Credit? Bankrupt? Repo? For easy quick credit, app at no cost call 1-800-992-9728.

"THE SUNRISE" The first and original 26x52 3+2 dream home featuring a sunny breakfast nook and top quality GE appliances. Call 888-208-3600.

BEEN TURNED DOWN FOR FINANCING on a mobile home? Help is possible. Call Mr. Price, 504-649-7600 or 1-800-258-9956.

"THE HOME THEATER" The largest 26x54 3+2 dream home featuring a 32" Magnavox TV, with stereo, surround sound system with Hi-Fi VCR and 7 disk CD player, fireplace, Magnavox home security system and much, much, more. Call 888-208-3600.

DIVORCE FORCED REPO! Top of the line triple wide, must go. II. Fully equipped, low down. Call 831-3020.

THE "FAMILY DREAM HOME" 26x76 4+2, the largest of our dream homes featuring a see thru fireplace, top quality GE Appliance packages and Magnavox home security system. Call 888-208-3600.

PROTOTYPE - DIVORCE LEFT ME AN ORPHAN... One of a kind double wide. Must be sold. Drastically reduced and available with only \$999.00 down. Call 831-8020.

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150 Uniform: Houses For Rent

Public Notice

NOTICE

OLDE TOWN BSL 2 BR/1 BA duplex; 1 block to beach, public beach, hook-up, quiet neighborhood, off-street parking, Pet-free, no-smoke-free environment. \$425/mo. lease & \$400 deposit. 407-380.

SCENIC VIEW OF RIVER: 3 BR/2 BA, cent. air, no smoke, \$550/mo. plus de-
posit. 407-374.

151 Farm: Houses For Rent

Public Notice

NOTICE

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT - CIVIL SERVICE COMMISIONER NOW TAKING APPLICATIONS

for the position being open for the Hancock County Sheriff's Department.

Applications must conform to the Civil Service requirements as regard to age, residency, etc. You may pick up application forms at the Sheriff's Office.

Interviews will be held Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Applications must be complete and received no later than March 31, 1998.

Entrance exam will be given April 10th, 1998 at 6:00 p.m. for the Test of Civil Service Commission Officer.

The interview of Hancock County will determine on the basis of age, education, experience, etc.

Information on the basis of age, education, experience, etc.

Hancock County Sheriff's Office Civil Service Com-
mission, Court Street, Bay St. Louis, MS 407-5101.

156 Lots/Acreage

Public Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

9 TO 16 ACRE TRACTS, 12 MILES East of Picayune on paved road. No mobile homes. \$25,000-\$1,000/down \$300/mo. 407-634.

**** CLERMONT HARBOR, THE LAKES 10, 10 minutes from Waltham Co. & US 90 shopping, beautiful wooded 1/4 acre lots, 100' beach, no beach, no trailers, \$10,000. Prefabricated under construction. Cally Road off N. Lakewood Ave. between Clermont & Lakewood - all crossings. 406-0888.

LARGE LOT, 232'x127', on Amora Drive, Diamondhead. Appraised at \$34,000. Andous to sell, make offer. 407-6165.

TWO WATERFRONT LOTS MINUTES from Jourdan River w/12'x4' mobile home, large cabana, pump house, pens, fenced, central sewer, boat launch, \$2,500 owner financing at 9% for 15 years with \$4,500 down. Payments approx. \$254/mo. plus taxes, insurance, sewer & garbage. 403-0043, 407-6335.

158 Commercial Property

Public Notice

NOTICE

CHOCTAW VILLAGE: OFFICE & RETAIL space available. Talk to Gary T. Gilmore. 407-4396.

COMMERCIAL BUILDING: \$350/month, \$200 deposit. Approx. 1,000 sq.ft. Water is included. 100' of Bayline Ave. B.S.L. 403-0043 or 407-3935.

159 Houses For Sale

Public Notice

NOTICE

1045 WASHINGTON ST. ON 1/2 ACRE of land. Asking \$60,000. Owner will finance with \$25,000 down; call 407-1117.

200/2A FENCED HOUSE, CENTRAL airheat, wood floors. Plenty of adjoining land. V. Avland Highlands, 540's. Will consider owner financing. 407-3572.

400/2 BA, fireplace, ceiling fans throughout, fully furnished, workshop, separate office, 28x16 (new), New vinyl siding, sets on lot. 7097 Hancock Dr., Bayside Park, \$60,000. 406-9026.

BAY ST. LOUIS HOUSE ON WATER - 6 years old, 35 ft. 2/BR/2 BA, 2,800 ft. paved parking, underground utilities. \$74,500. 406-3164.

CLEAN & CUTE CAMP ON DEEP water canal w/boat dock. \$34,500. 406-2505.

RAMONEDA STREET: CUSTOM BUILT contemporary 3 BR, 3 BA, home w/ Gourmet kitchen, located off the beach on unique lot w/white oaks. Vaulted ceiling, whirlpool, screened porch, patio, 2-car garage, alarm system, sprinkler system and more. OWNER-BROKER, 223-407-2320.

FOR SALE BY OWNER: NEW BLD/SA, custom built home on corner lot in Diamondhead whtmy extras. 2,900 SF living area, 2400 under. Open house. SAT & SUN, 1pm-5pm, 6484 Kalifornia Way. 601-700-2600.

BEAUTIFUL, NEW - WATERFRONT home in Jourdan River Shores. 200/2BA, 2400 SF. of living. Call for appointment. 255-0212. Sat. & 407-3930. Constance St., Km. 165,000.

GOVT/PRECLOSED homes from Reps. to 1. D. Delinquent tax. Reps. to 2. Your area, toll free 1-800-218-6000 Ext. H 3930 for current listings.

Public Notices

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: MICHAEL B. LEHMANN, was granted to the undersigned by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, on February 1, 1998, to file a complaint for the recovery of his debts of law of MICHAEL B. LEHMANN, against the above named debtors. The debtors are unknown, and are described as follows: (1) MICHAEL B. LEHMANN, 1001 Court Street, Bay St. Louis, MS 407-5101, on or about April 1, 1998, in the Chancery Court of Hancock County at Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend against the Plaintiff filed to adequately COMPLAINT, and for a judgment in the amount of \$10,000.00 for a certain portion of a 17.19 acre tract of land which fronts on Highway 903 and on Old Nicholson.

Those interested in more information on the above matter may visit the Zoning Office or call at 229-467-1157 during regular business hours, which Friday, 8:00 AM, and 5:00 P.M. through Friday.

Willa Genney
Hancock County
Building/Zoning Official
3-15-98

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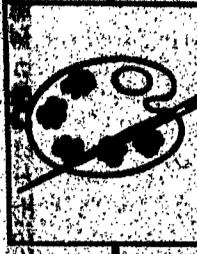
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ARTIN' ABOUT



Our Nation's Colors: A Celebration of American Painting Selections from the Wichita Art Museum are on exhibit now through July 27 at the Mississippi Museum of Art in Jackson. Hours are Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Friday-Sunday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

The exhibition's 69 modernist American paintings and works on paper are drawn largely from the Wichita Art Museum's Roland P. Murdoch Collection. Included are American landscapes, urban scenes, portraits, regional genre scenes and visionary images dating approximately 1874 to 1966.

The exhibition explores values defining American art—rugged individualism, natural simplicity and democratic spirit.

Admission is free for MMA members, \$6 for adults, \$4 seniors (60 and over), \$3 for children/students, age 6-college; and free for age 5 and under. Groups of 10 or more receive \$1 off admission price. Audioguide free with admission; \$2 for MMA members. For tickets, call TicketMaster at 601-355-5252 or the museum at 601-960-1515.

Needle arts exhibition

The Historic Mobile Preservation Society will present its first Southern Needle Arts Exhibition in Mobile at the Oak

leigh Historic Complex March 13-22, and will showcase the preservation and evolution of hand-executed needlework.

This is a competition organized to encompass all of the southeastern United States, but open to stitchers wherever they may be. Welcome are entries from anyone who uses a hand-held needle with an eye in any technique from needlepoint and embroidery to French hand-sewing and quilting.

Information and entry forms may be obtained by phoning HMPSC at 334-432-6161 or faxing 334-432-5843.

WAMA exhibition

The Walter Anderson Museum of Art will host the "Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts 50th Anniversary Traveling Collection" now through April 15.

The exhibition, on loan from the Arrowmont School in Gatlinburg, Tenn., features one of the finest collections of contemporary arts and crafts produced by the artisans on faculty.

A wide variety of media, including painting, drawing, stoneware, ceramics, woodcarving and textile arts will be on display.

Also on display will be "A Cottage Industry: Arts and Crafts in the Home of Walter Anderson," an installation of the many domestic works Anderson created as a proponent of the

American paintings

nation's rich Arts and Crafts Movement.

The museum will also offer gallery walks for members and the public, free art workshops and a discussion as part of the ArtTalks Lecture Services based on the exhibition.

For details, call (228) 872-3164. Tours should be scheduled at least two weeks in advance.

The museum is located at 510 Washington Avenue, Ocean Springs. Hours are Mon.-Sat., 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday, 1-5 p.m.

Hillyer House

Hillyer House March exhibits include "Beaches," watercolors by Jo Patten of Alabama; "Cobalt," glass by Blenko of West Virginia; "Mermaids," sculptured pottery by Connie Mickle of Florida; and Museum Jewelry Collection by Shashi Singapuri of California.

The collection is on display and for sale. Hours are 10-5 Monday-Saturday, 12-5 Sunday. Hillyer House is located at 207 East Scenic Drive in Pass Christian. (228) 452-4810.

Submissions to Artin' About should be sent to The Sea Coast Echo, P.O. Box 2009, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520. Notices will be edited and published on a space-available basis.

SMH community health programs

Slidell Memorial is offering the following healthcare seminars and screenings during the month of March:

Living with Congestive Heart Failure:

Mar. 10, 17 and 24, 1:30-2:30 p.m. in the SMH Krieger Building Conference Room B. Fee is \$15 for all sessions. Topics covered include the explanation of congestive heart failure, exercise and activity, medication, nutrition and coping and management techniques. To register, call 649-8555.

Beyond Beautiful—A Unique Workshop for Women:

March 20, 9:30-11:30 a.m., free in the SMH Women's Resource Suite. In this fun workshop by fashion coordinator JoAnn Chechowald for women of all ages, participants will learn make-up techniques, positive body language and the importance of style and fashion. Call 646-0044 to register.

You Can Make Changes—No More Excuses:

March 25, noon, free in the SMH Women's Resource Suite. The program by individual and family counselor Ross English will help you to look at and recognize positive, long-term changes that can make for an improved lifestyle. Call 646-0044 to register.

Take The Pressure Off: What Everyone Should Know About High Blood Pressure:

March 26, noon, free in the SMH Women's Resource Suite. Matthew S. Horsfield, MD, family medicine, will discuss the chronic nature of this disease, clues that may help you deal with it, classes of treatment medication as well as what your blood pressure levels mean. Call 646-0044 to register.

Label Logic Supermarket Tour

March 25 at 10:30 a.m. and March 26 at 6:30 p.m. Fee is \$20 per person. Learn how to read product labels and select nutritious food items during a tour of

Albertsons conducted by Sheree Parker-Ruffino, SMH registered dietitian. Bring a calculator and wear comfortable shoes. The tour lasts 1 1/2-2 hours. Call 646-0044 to register and for more details.

Prostate Screening for Men Over 40

March 12, 1-2 p.m. and March 31, 9-10 a.m. in the SMH Medical Office Building at the Urology Center, Ste. 440, \$10 for the PSA Test. Screening consists of a digital rectal examination and prostate-specific antigen (PSA) blood test. Screening is for men who have not been diagnosed with cancer of the prostate or have not received a prostate exam within the last 12 months. Appointments are required. Call 649-8660.

Free Blood Pressure Screenings:

Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. at the SMH Fitness Center, 501 Robert Blvd., 2nd floor. No appointment needed. Call 645-2955 for more information.

Enjoy benefits of walking

Health walking, power walking, wellness walking—whatever you call it, it's an ever-increasing form of exercise that many find physically, mentally, spiritually and even socially rewarding.

There are as many reasons for walking as there are terms for it. The primary reason, however, is weight control. An overwhelming majority of walkers start to lose weight, and after the weight is lost, continue for other reasons.

"While there's really nothing magical about walking," says Dr. Leonard R. Kravitz, assistant professor of exercise science and leisure management at the University of Mississippi, "the fact is that people do lose weight walking because there's such a nice transition between not doing any exercise at all and simply walking. It's a natural thing to do."

Another reason people who begin a regular walking regime lose weight is they start making heart-healthy decisions about food, says Kravitz, offering these tips for those ready to begin a regular walking regime:

• Consult a fitness professional or certified personal trainer before you begin.

• To get started on the path to fitness success, the Ole Miss professor says, "consult with a fitness professional trained to help you set and reach goals."

• Make your "walk" part of your life, like brushing your teeth.

• The most frequent reason people do not exercise is a lack of time. By walking every day at the same time, you can make it

part of your routine. However, don't stress out if you miss your walk since that defeats the stress-reducing purposes. Remember that life gets in the way, and we must make adjustments.

• Begin at a comfortable but challenging pace.

While you don't want to over-tax yourself your first day out, remember that the harder you work, the more fuel you use, so to speak, says Kravitz.

When people first think about walking, they don't usually think about going fast. They want to lose weight or just increase their fitness level. However, aside from increasing your heart rate, speeding up offers another distinct advantage: It allows you to do more in less time.

• Choose the proper walking shoes and clothing.

Culinary Arts Academy accepting applications

The University of Southern Mississippi Culinary Arts Academy on the Gulf Coast campus is accepting applications for fall classes.

"We expect to double the number of applicants for the upcoming year," said Katherine

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St. Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland. He lived about 1,600 years ago, and was the first person to spread the Christian faith throughout Ireland.

St. Patrick was probably born in the year 389. When he was 16 years old, he was stolen from his home in Britain by Irish outlaws and was sold as a slave in Ireland. After six years as a slave he escaped, but he was determined to bring Christianity to the Irish.

Eventually, the Pope, the religious leader of the Catholic Church, made him a bishop and sent him to Ireland. In Ireland, St. Patrick converted many people, both rich and poor, to Christianity. By the time he died in 461, Ireland was on its way to becoming a Christian nation.

So why do we celebrate St. Patrick's Day with shamrocks? There are many legends about St. Patrick. One says that he used the three leaves of the shamrock to explain the idea of the Blessed Trinity. The Blessed Trinity is the belief that there are three persons—the Father, Son and Holy Spirit in one God. The Irish around the world celebrate in St. Patrick's honor on March 17.

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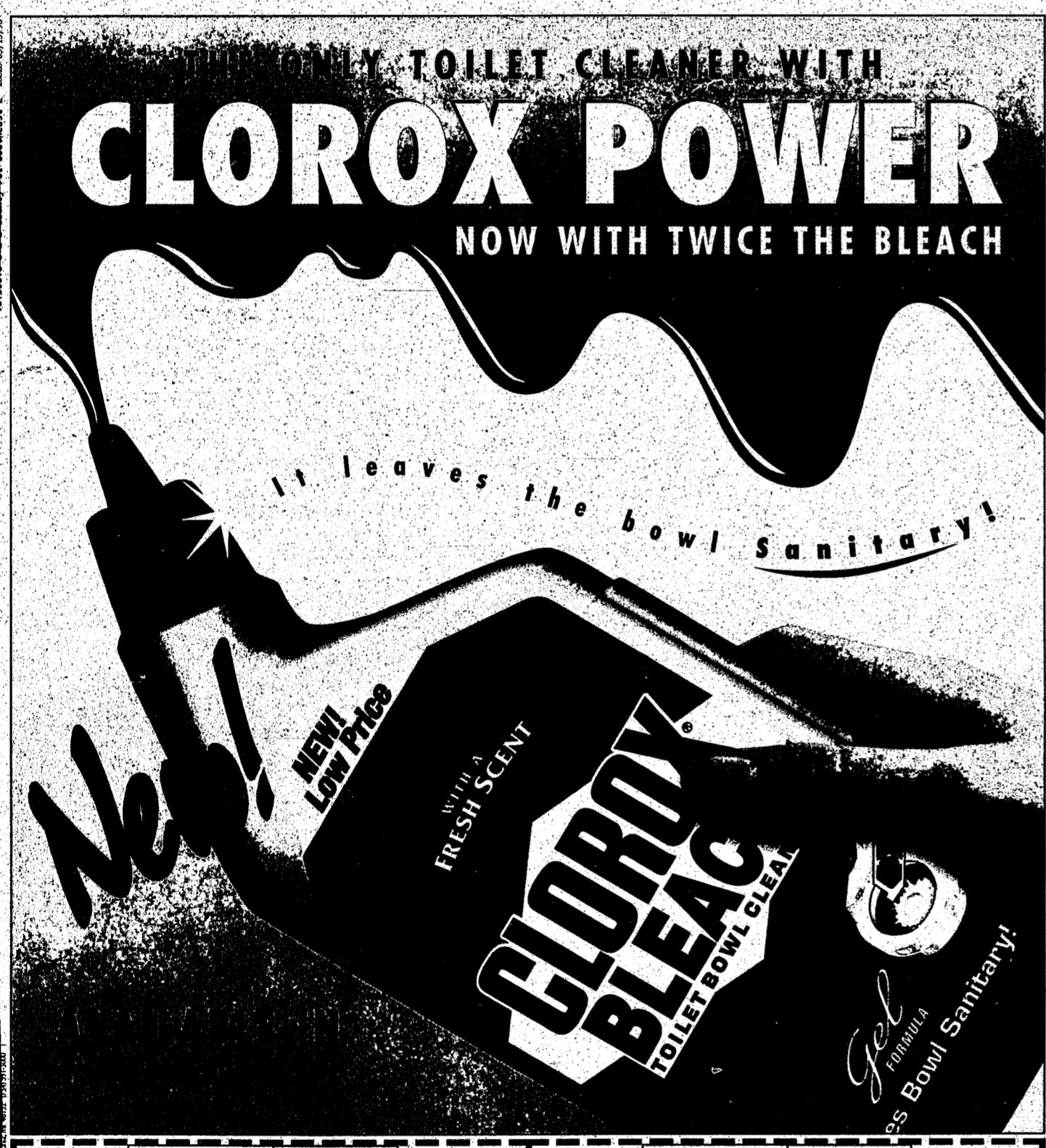
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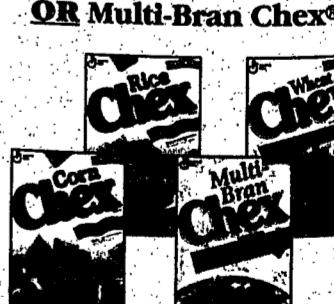
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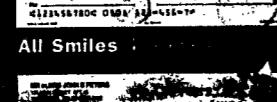
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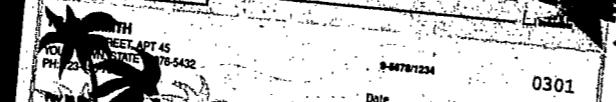
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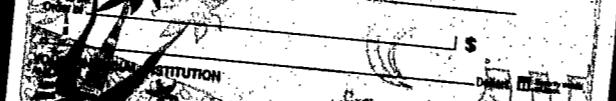
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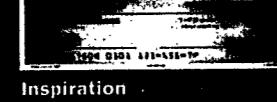
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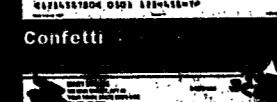

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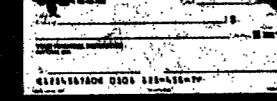

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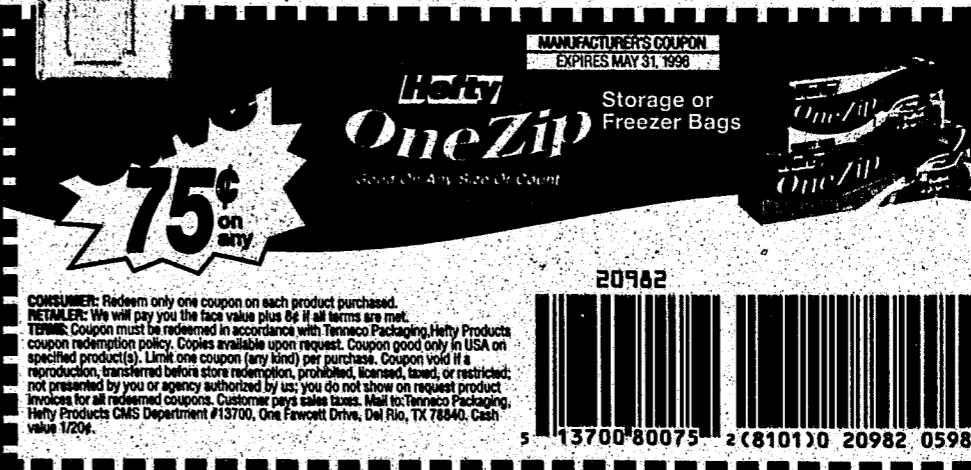
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